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## PENSIONER (73) IS JAILED AFTER ATTACK ON HIS WIFE

A BARRY pensioner who attacked his wife, at one point putting a length of flex around her throat, has been jailed for 10 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Michael Hayes (73) of Gibbonsdown Rise, pleaded guilty to making threats to kill and assault.

Recorder Robert Britton told him: "Everything possible has been said on your behalf. This was obviously a serious matter, and extremely frightening for your wife at the time."

Prosecutor David Wooller said Hayes and his wife had been married 43 years. On the evening of September 29, there was an argument about preparation of food. He ordered her to leave, and

by AJ SICLUNA

she refused.

"He went out for a walk and when he returned, he found her still there. He took a length of flex and held it to her throat.

"He released it, but held it there again, so that she was unable to breathe," said Mr Wooller.

Hayes told her: "You are going to get out of this house one way or another."

Seconds later, he put a knife to her throat, causing it to bleed.

Hayes himself put a tissue to the bleeding. Mrs Hayes at no time tried to fight him off.

Soon afterwards, said Mr Wooller, Hayes went to Barry Police Station and said he had tried to murder his wife and gave

an account of events. The police interviewed Mrs Hayes and she described what had happened.

Mr Wooller told the court that after Hayes was charged, Mrs Hayes said that her husband was not entirely to blame, and she felt responsible for some of his actions, adding: "I can be stubborn. We are both as bad as each other."

Nicholas Gareth Jones, for Hayes, said: "This was an unusual situation. They had been married a very long time, and she didn't make a complaint to the police, but he did."

"Initially, he asked the police to keep him in custody before being bailed and staying with a member of the family in Kent."

Mr Jones said that Hayes's wife appeared to take full responsibility for the breakdown of the relationship and didn't feel in danger from him.

He now takes medication which makes him calmer.

Mr Jones urged the Recorder not to send him to prison.

Hayes was made subject to a restraining order for two years.

The Recorder said the sentence would have been longer, had it not been for his age and what his wife had stated.

## 'Toddle Waddle a doddle' for Ty Hafan!



ABOVE: Playgroup youngsters with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles during the Toddle Waddle.

**KIDDIEWINKLES** Playgroup at Crossway has thanked everyone who took part in the recent Toddle Waddle for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Along with their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and playgroup staff, the children toddled along Barry Island Promenade to raise funds for the

Sully-based hospice.

Two ambassadors from Ty Hafan, Jeff and Sheila Davies, also took part in the Toddle Waddle.

## 'Report could have transformed town' - claims a Barry councillor

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Barry councillor says he is mystified as to why a high quality report on the town centre has been shelved, and claims it is "a missed opportunity".

In March 2009, consultants, Powell Dobson, were appointed by the Vale Council to examine how public areas of the town centre could be improved, and according to Coun Nic Hodges, compiled a "fantastic report".

Coun Hodges, who represents the Baruc ward on the Vale Council, said: "This is a superb report - the best I've ever seen - which looks at everything to do with the regeneration of Barry town centre."

"I don't know how much the report cost, but it was probably worth it. The report goes into really fine detail of what could be done."

"The report has never been to the cabinet and has not been brought to any meetings at the Vale Council."

"If the report had been adopted, it would have provided a massive boost for the

Castleland and Buttrills wards."

The GEM has seen the report which runs to 147 pages. It examines how the town centre areas can be improved in minute detail - to improve the local economy and create a more pleasant living environment. It lists numerous options available to the Vale Council, in terms of how this could be achieved.

It is such a detailed report that when it deals with walkways and roads, it even quotes a number of different sandstones and granites that could be used and who supplies them.

Coun Hodges said he felt that councillors who were unaware of the report, of whatever shade of opinion, would be in favour of following up on its recommendations.

"I think Plaid, Labour and Tory councillors would say - 'this is good, we should have it'."

Coun Hodges said he thought that the

£9m of current regeneration funds was being used in "scatter gun" fashion on a number of disparate schemes in the town, when it would have been better spent on implementing some of the suggestions in the Powell Dobson document.

Coun Hodges learned of the report in his role as a town councillor, when a Vale officer mentioned it in correspondence with the town council.

A Freedom of Information request was made by Plaid in order to bring the report into the public domain.

Coun Hodges says he is anxious that the report should not be left gathering dust, and has requested it be considered by a scrutiny committee, which has been agreed.

He said: "I want to know how much the report cost and whether it reflects value for money."

"I also want to know whether the communities of Castleland and Buttrills have been disadvantaged by a delay in implementing the report."

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## It's an election: 'BEGGING BOWLS AT THE READY!'

**I**T never ceases to amaze me that every time we have an election, local or general, we seem to succumb to the usual jargon of the councillors or politicians, with the same old drivel year in, year out.

Statements like: "If I am elected, I promise to etc, etc."

From the lowly pot-hole in the road, to the major construction site, they all try to lay claim

to being the influence on every decision ever taken by council.

With less than three months to the local elections, they are all out of hibernation with begging bowls at the ready.

When they start doing the job properly, instead of using publicity stunts just to make themselves look good and popular, then, and only then, will our town start to prosper.

**Barrie V Evans,**  
**Barry Island,**  
(Independent candidate for Baruc ward)

## 'Lunacy' surrounding right turn closure

**I**HAVE written on several occasions to the planning department about the closing of the right turn from Holton Road into Buttrills Road, Barry

I thought that the powers that be had accepted that the original scheme that was introduced in 2007 was ludicrous and that common sense had prevailed when the right turn was reinstated in 2008.

No such luck! Back it has come again.

The most annoying thing is that in these strained financial times these re-arrangements cost the local taxpayer money.

I wrote to the Vale Council at the end of December, protesting strongly about this reinstated piece of lunacy.

To date, despite reminders, I have received neither the courtesy of an acknowledgement of my letter, or a reply.

Perhaps a reply in The GEM might be in order?

**David Kennett,**  
**Barry.**

## Fly tipping in wood is 'unacceptable'

**I**WISH to express my dismay and horror concerning fly tipping in the Birchgrove Wood, which has been designated as a nature reserve.

On two occasions in recent weeks, we have had dumping of garden waste just off the path leading into the wood from the Birchgrove Road.

The latest incident involved the cut branches of a large Christmas tree and its trunk, along with other waste. This

was strewn over a newly-planted area, which we have created, thanks to a grant from Dow Corning.

The work party for February 5 had to postpone some of the planned work for that day in order to clear it up.

In view of the excellent kerbside collection offered by the council for Christmas trees and garden waste, I find this act of vandalism totally unacceptable.

**FA Sainsbury, Barry**  
(Field Officer of Birchgrove Conservation Group)

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No late American entry, but...

## 'PEOPLE, not planes, WON US THE WAR'

**W**ITH reference to the recent letter by Mr Christopher Short on Mustangs and who won the war – the simple answer is the Allies won.

This was due to millions of service men and women and the uncountable millions of civilians, who worked, fought, died and suffered dreadfully, to rid the world of the warmongers.

The very idea that the Mustang, or any other machine, could win a war, is palpable nonsense. Where I take issue with Mr Short is his denigration of America and their "late arrival to the conflict".

A few facts: America did not want to fight a war, any war, so long as it had no enemies; the weakness of its forces and armaments bears witness to this. On September 3, 1939, the UK declared war on Germany to fulfil our commitment to Poland.

Russia was then an ally of Germany. On June 22, 1941, Germany invaded Russia. Russia joined the Allies. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbour took place and the USA was now at war with Japan and Germany.

On August 17, 1942, USAAF B17s arrived in the UK. The RAF transferred its three Eagle

## Eisteddfod memories

**T**HE children of Cogan Nursery are involved in a history project and are trying to trace people with memories of eisteddfodau held locally.

An eisteddfod was held in Barry in 1968 and one member of our staff recalls singing with the Gladstone School Choir.

Does anyone else remember this or other eisteddfodau they might have taken part in?

Any information would be gratefully received.

**Kay Rawlinson,**  
**Cogan Nursery**  
(02920 701193)

## 'Modern cinema is long overdue'

**T**HE Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) group were extremely disappointed after losing the fight for Barry's last cinema, the Theatre Royal.

A new modern cinema is long overdue for our town, and the current proposed Barry Island pleasure park redevelopment plan addresses this by means of allocated space to include a multiplex cinema provision.

With state-of-the-art 3D digital projection and comfortable viewing surroundings that cinema-goers have come to expect from today's multiplex operators, such a facility may also extend accessibility to a wider audience, by offering

National Theatre plays and Metropolitan Opera Live transmissions.

In today's market, there are many available options to enable individual film viewing choice.

However, SOCA believe that giving Barry and the Vale community a preference of enjoying a film in a cinema environment should not be overlooked.

Therefore, it is hoped this facility will be looked at favourably and come to fruition, as part of the decision-making process, when the proposed planning application is again considered by the Vale Council committee at its meeting on March 1.

**P Sutton, Barry**  
(on behalf of SOCA)

Squadrons (comprising US volunteers) to the USAAF. The arriving US units were equipped with Spitfires pending arrival of their own aircraft.

In my book, that has to be seen as a very rapid response! The USA undertook massive rearmament and development programmes, and Mustangs were helped by installation of Merlin engines.

Mustangs were introduced to European skies, the only fighter in the world able to escort USA day bombers to Berlin and back... Prelude to D-Day, US bombers increased their raids partly to get the GAF to attack them. US Mustangs knock them out of the sky... Desperate Germans throw their night-fighters into the battle, losing two-thirds of their force. RAF night bombers delighted... Result for D-Day and beyond—a broken and spent GAF.

The human cost to USAAF Eighth Air Force: Out of the 210,000 combat crewmen, losses were 26,000 to 28,000 fatalities, some 28,000 crewmen were shot down and made POWs, 25,000 wounded casualties and some 72,000 general casualties.

Note: Among the USAAF combat crewmen there were a significant number of volunteers of Germanic or Italian ethnicity.

No denigration of the Americans needed here, Mr Short, just our grateful thanks and continued appreciation for what the USA did for us in those troubled times. Another thing to remember, it wasn't really their war.

As a young boy at the time, Yanks – "Thanks for the gum".  
**MG de Garis, (RAF retd),**  
**Cowbridge.**

## 'Not a try, so let's move on!'

**H**AVING thoroughly enjoyed watching last Saturday's rugby international from the comfort of my armchair, I have since become somewhat incensed by the often repeated reference by many of the post-match analysts to England's 'disallowed try'.

By implication, this term suggests that Wales's victory was somehow achieved by default.

In all cases of the possibility of a try having been scored, the referee has three clear options in making his decision:

Firstly, by declaring himself that a try had without question been scored; secondly, by consultation with the nearest touch judge; and finally, if the decision is still in doubt, he has recourse to the third referee with the benefit of camera recordings.

If after that consultation the outcome is still

indecisive, then the try cannot be awarded. This decision is then final and beyond dispute, and although it may be the subject of much debate in pubs and clubs for many years thereafter, it cannot be changed.

The would-be scorer is always going to claim his score – but often, as on Saturday, he is the least qualified to make that claim, as he was buried beneath a pile of bodies of both colours.

To those who do not follow the rugby game, this matter may not seem of any great importance; but on Saturday, both teams had given every ounce of their skill, energy and commitment for the pride of their country, and it would be a shame to spoil this with irresponsible reporting.

A try is either awarded or not. There is no such thing as a 'disallowed try'.

So let us hear no more of it.  
**Jim Morgan,**  
**Llantwit Major**  
(See comment, on back page).

## 'Is Treoes road worst in Vale?'

**Y**OUR recent article regarding the re-surfacing of the main road through Cowbridge made me quite envious.

It would appear that Coun Jeff Cox has some influence with the Vale of Glamorgan highway department.

I wonder if he could possibly take a drive through Treoes village and appreciate the road

conditions that the residents have to put up with?

It may well be that the village is situated too far from the Barry offices, and therefore suffers from 'out-of-sight, out of mind'.

Should the Vale Council consider running a competition for the worst road under its responsibility, I would recommend the Treoes road be considered.

**L Wigley,**  
**Treoes.**

## 'Take an interest'

**I**WOULD like to strongly advise every GEM reader to view the local development plans (LDP) submitted by the council, either via the website, at one of the planned exhibitions, or at their local library.

It is important that we see what developments could take place around us. Some of you will be very surprised.

We only have six weeks to view these plans and given that they may change the face of the Vale forever, it is important not to waste time.

**Kirstin Clouston,**  
**St Nicholas**

## Residents can help shape Approach

**T**HE Vale Council's bid to create a recreational community amenity at Cemetery Approach is a very welcome initiative – and in line with the wishes of the vast majority of Barry people – because 11,300 of them signed a petition three years ago to prevent housing development spoiling this lovely avenue – an open space gifted to the town by the British government in 1954.

Recent letters to the local press suggest that political opportunism is behind the council's initiative and the Labour Party's about-turn.

Well, we all know that local elections are around the corner and the instinct for self-preservation is keenest when politicians seek

our support. However, that does not alter the fact that this could become a landmark project in terms of a partnership between the council, local people and other interested parties.

Funding and the willingness to give local people a direct say in the future of Cemetery Approach, Barry, are the key factors.

The council is undertaking a consultation exercise asking the public for their views and ideas.

That consultation must be genuine and transparent, not just a box-ticking charade.

The people of Barry can make a real contribution by writing, phoning or going online.

Make your contribution count.  
**Derek Hooper, Barry**  
(FocusBARRY supporter)

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MARCH 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thu	11.11	7.6	23.42	7.4
02 Fri			12.29	7.1
03 Sat	01.15	7.0	14.16	7.1
04 Sun	02.49	7.3	15.35	7.5
05 Mon	03.58	8.1	16.29	8.2
06 Tues	04.48	8.7	17.15	8.9
07 Wed	05.32	9.4	17.57	9.5
08 Thur	06.12	9.9	18.37	10.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



## All Saints pupils make a dragon!

THE morning nursery pupils at All Saints Church-in-Wales Primary School have been learning about China by reading stories, sampling Chinese food and enjoying role play in their Chinese restaurant.

This culminated in a celebration of the Chinese New Year by making a Chinese dragon, which the whole class fitted underneath and they performed their own traditional Chinese dance.

Their teacher, Emma Evans, is a talented artist who loves involving the youngsters in creative activities which enhance their learning.

She said, "It was lovely to see the little ones enjoying themselves so much while learning about another culture."



The pupils perform a traditional Chinese dance under their home made dragon!

## 'Blameless' man attacked in 'explosion of violence'

IT was a "miracle" that a blameless young man, who was attacked during an outbreak of violence in the centre of Barry, did not

suffer more serious injuries, Cardiff Crown Court was told.

In the event, Andrew Lewis suffered only cuts and grazes.

Nassir Uddin (36) of Gateholm Close, Barry, and Fayshal Ahmed (31) of Holton Road, Barry, admitted a charge of affray.

Uddin was jailed for 12 months, suspended for two years, and he was ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

His co-defendant was jailed for six months, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid

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work. Both were made subject to supervision orders.

Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said Uddin's level of violence was totally uncalled for in "a moment of madness".

Ahmed, he said, played a lesser role.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said that in the early hours of October 9 last year, a violent scene was spotted by a CCTV operator in Holton Road.

The two defendants got out of the car, and assaulted Mr Lewis. The police were on the

scene swiftly and earmarked the two.

One of the defendants said he had been tormented and abused by local youths.

Uddin said he had been punched, and in a rage, confronted a man.

Mr Lewis, added Mr Howells, did not receive medical treatment.

Uddin was said to have no previous convictions, but Ahmed had convictions for failing to provide a specimen and harassment.

Their solicitor, Timothy Hartland, said: "There was no premeditation whatsoever."

He added that there had been a significant

degree of crime in the area involving public order problems with racial overtones.

He added that someone other than Mr Lewis had been goading and provoking the defendants, who then over-reacted.

The judge said the case was "about an explosion of violence", particularly by Uddin.

Mr Lewis, he said, was completely innocent and he had the "living daylight" beaten out of him.

The judge said: "It is a miracle he was not more seriously injured."

## A MARATHON CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY

A BARRY man has chosen to support the 'CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK' charity because he knew that such a worthy cause would give him the impetus to get fit for the London Marathon.

Paul Evans, aged 49, is hoping he can raise vital funds for research into the causes and treatments of childhood cancer by joining the 'Mr Men and Little Miss Team' at this year's Virgin London Marathon on Sunday, April 22.

Paul, who works as a sales manager, has spent months preparing for the big day and aims to raise £3,000.

The Mr Men and Little Miss team is one of the largest teams in the Virgin London Marathon and the runners are easy to spot in their trademark 'Mr Happy' and 'Mr Tickle' running vests.

Paul explained: "To become fitter, I required a good cause that I would not give up on – and we all know how difficult it is for children with cancer and their families."

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"This year, I will crawl over the line if I have to. I missed the 2010 marathon due to a knee operation! Every year, more than 3,300 youngsters are diagnosed with cancer, the biggest child-killer disease in the UK."

Ben Twyman, the head of running events at CHILDREN with CANCER UK, said: "Being told that your child has cancer is the start of an uncertain and difficult time for families."

"Thanks to Paul and our other dedicated marathon runners, we are able to continue vital research into childhood cancer that could help to save young lives that would have otherwise been lost forever."

CHILDREN with CANCER UK funds life-saving research into the causes, prevention and treatment of childhood cancer, and works to protect young lives through essential welfare and campaigning programmes.

If you would like to run a 5k, half marathon or a marathon for CHILDREN with CANCER UK, visit [www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk).

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# Pleasure Park's future is under consideration

TODAY, March 1, could be a momentous day in the history of Barry Island Pleasure Park, as planning councillors consider whether to back plans for a new development delivering a mixture of residential accommodation and leisure facilities on the site.

In recent years, rides at the park have been run

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on a lease basis by Swansea showman Vernon Studt, but many local traders have argued over the years that an indoor entertainment complex is desperately needed to retain visitors when the weather turns bad.

The plans are an outline proposal and, if passed, meat will have to be put on the bones, but the tone will have been set for a new era – and the end of the old Pleasure Park, as people have known it over the decades.

The plans include 124 residential units, a 60-bed care home and space for leisure activities and retail concerns.

Prior to the planning meeting, councillors are due to undertake a site visit.

One local group that will be observing the decisions of councillors with particular interest is SOCA – the Save Our Cinema Association.

Paul Sutton, a member, told THE GEM: "These are outline plans and what we wouldn't want to see is an increase in the residential element if detailed plans are drawn up."

"If that happened, it could affect the retail and leisure part of the development."

"A multiplex could be up for grabs in the Barry and Vale catchment, and we're hoping that after the meeting, if the plans are supported, possible operators will emerge."

It is almost four years since the Theatre Royal screened its last film in the town.

SOCA had hoped to take over the site, but in the end it was acquired by Newydd Housing Association for a 42-flat 'Extra Care' facility.

## COUNCIL SAYS THE TOWN CENTRE REPORT HAS ALREADY HELPED BARRY

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A Welsh Government spokeswoman said: "The Welsh Government's Barry Regeneration Area programme was set up to consider opportunities for the whole of Barry, not only the town centre."

"While town centre reports can have an important role to play, they only cover part of our priorities and aspirations for Barry and do not go far enough to meet the wider challenges outside the town centre."

"Far from scattergun, we are working with local partners – who have the local knowledge of what is needed and where – to ensure that regeneration activities focus on these priorities."

The spokeswoman explained: "So far the programme has funded 31 projects totalling £5,849 million in and out of the town town centre."

"These include improvements to Thompson Street, linking the town centre with the Waterfront and helping secure investment in a new Premier Inn in the Innovation Quarter."

"Our regeneration programme has also supported indoor and outdoor leisure facilities and contributed to environmental enhancements such as at Porthkerry Park."

"Last week, the Minister announced a review of regeneration policy for the whole of Wales and confirmed that future initiatives would focus on our commitments to renew town centres and sea-side towns."

### 'VALUE FOR MONEY'

A spokeswoman for the Vale Council said that the report referred to by Coun Hodges was completed by the consultants in mid-2010.

She explained: "It was clear at the time that before it was reported to members, the conclusions would need to be considered in the light of further detailed traffic modelling, required as a result of the emerging proposals for the Waterfront."

"Furthermore, the study would need to be examined within the context of the early work on the then recently created Regeneration Area for Barry."

"During the course of the study, the consultants offered meetings to those local members representing town centre wards."

"It was felt that to report on the study

before these wider issues were considered would have been premature."

The spokeswoman pointed out that the study had been used to inform the development of projects and was used most recently as a 'context document' for the Thompson Street proposals.

She revealed: "The cost to the council of the report was £66k and has already led to the leveraging in of more than £1m of grant in the Thompson Street scheme, which clearly demonstrates value for money."

"The report has therefore not been shelved and will be reported in full in the near future."

## Vale Council tax to rise by 1.75 per cent

COUNCIL tax in the Vale is set to rise by 1.75 per cent.

The decision was taken at a budget-setting meeting yesterday (Wednesday) of the Vale Council's cabinet, although it still has to be confirmed by a meeting of the full council.

The 1.75 per cent rise means that a band D property owner will pay an extra £16.20 – taking the bill to £940.05.

On top of this, council tax payers will pay £169.42 to South Wales Police, and also an amount to their local town or community council.

In a report, the cabinet members were told that the average council tax in Wales last

year (2011/12) at band D was £968.03, with the Vale Council coming in at £923.85.

However, the proposed budget uses £500,000 of cash held in the council's general reserve, which will, therefore, be at an estimated figure of £6,858,000 at March 31, 2013.

The report says that this is slightly below the recommended minimum level of £7 million, and adds "The use of reserves for funding recurrent expenditure is clearly not sustainable."

"Consequently, the strategy set out in the next medium term financial plan will address further the use of reserves to balance the revenue budget."

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# VALE COUNCIL LEADER INSISTS... Adizone is a 'legacy project' – and was properly examined

THE new Adizone facility at Barry Island is a scheme the town can be proud of and creates a legacy for years to come, the Leader of the Vale

Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, has said.

On February 18, Coun Kemp opened the new facility officially. The idea behind it is that in an Olympic year – and beyond – people

will be encouraged to get physically active using one of the 12 keep fit stations or additional play areas.

However, Island councillor Steffan Wiliam claimed that traders were originally told that if they didn't welcome the Adizone, it would go elsewhere and that the project had been rushed through when people felt a tidal paddling pool might be a better investment.

Responding to Coun Wiliam's remarks,

Coun Kemp told The GEM:

"I would like to give readers the true facts. "At no point has it been claimed that this facility would be 'provided at no cost'."

"It has always been a mix of funding from the Barry Regeneration Area Board (£160k), S106 funding of £55k and a council contribution of £24k to install CCTV at the site.

"Adidas provided the design, branding and have offered £35k

worth of sports kit to local schools and groups.

"Coun Wiliam claims that Conservatives made the claims over costs at the meeting with traders, whereas in fact, it was council officers who made the presentation."

Coun Kemp emphasised that the project had been thoroughly examined before the go-ahead was given.

"The scheme was not rushed through the planning committee, but was considered at two meetings and had the benefit of a site visit.

"Indeed, as a result of consideration by the committee the CCTV coverage was included in the scheme.

"If Coun Wiliam was so concerned with the proposals, you would think that he would have taken the trouble to attend the committee meetings or the site visit – he did neither!"

## PADDLING POOL

Coun Kemp said the scheme was highly appropriate for the Barry Regeneration Area, as it had greatly improved a derelict and unsightly site, provided another attraction at Barry Island, and left an Olympic legacy for the area.

He said: "It is one of a series of improvement schemes to parks and open spaces in Barry funded by the Regeneration Area Board.

"A number of alternative sites were investigated but this was seen as most appropriate.

"As well as consultation through the planning process, the scheme was discussed several times at local traders' meetings.

"In relation to the 'Padding Pool', can I make it clear that support in principle was given by the Barry Regeneration Area Board to the scheme, but the costs of the scheme increased so substantially that its promoters concluded that it had become unviable.

"The new Adizone facility at Barry Island complements others built in Swansea and Cardiff and will encourage participation in physical exercise, up to and following the Olympics.

"Barry can be proud that such a legacy scheme has been built in the town," Coun Kemp added.

## Parks improvement work is welcomed

LOCAL councillors Steffan Wiliam and Nic Hodges say they welcome moves by the council to deliver improvements to local parks, following their calls for better maintenance.

Coun Steffan Wiliam told The GEM: "In Maslin Park, the changing facilities are in dire need of an upgrade and the facilities at the children's play area have become very rusty.

"When we requested improvements to the park some years ago, we were promised that efforts would be made to find the money to allow this."

The two councillors say that due to tight finances, council officers have looked at concentrating their efforts on better maintaining existing parks rather than opening new ones.

However, they say Maslin Park has not received the care and attention that it deserves in recent years.

Coun Wiliam said: "It was, therefore, with great pleasure, that following further discussions with officers, we learned that there is a planned increase in the team to improve the standard of maintenance in our parks."

"It's time that work in Maslin Park became a priority," added Coun Nic Hodges.

"This could be accelerated through, if a group made up of interested residents and community groups got together, such as in Victoria Park.

"The council would then see that there is a local group in existence whose work it can support."

Coun Hodges continued: "We also called for the Youth Offending Team to be called in to paint the fence which runs along Plymouth Road many years ago.

"This is another avenue which should

also be exploited far more than it actually is at present.

"We were pleased to see the one dual-purpose rugby/football post erected recently and the mini football pitches marked out, but this in itself is insufficient to take the park forward.

"This is why we want to form a group that will

act as a catalyst for further improvements at Maslin Park."

Residents or groups with any ideas or interest in helping to improve the park can contact Nic Hodges on nic.hodges@ntlworld.com or Steffan Wiliam on 01446 736906 or stefan.wiliam@btinternet.com

## Scheme will reduce Robins Lane flooding

The Vale Council is to undertake a scheme aimed at reducing the risk of flooding of the highway, footpath and gardens fronting a small block of houses on Robins Lane, Barry (numbers 25 to 37).

Work is due to start this Saturday, March 3 and will take approximately five days.

It will involve the construction of 40m of highway drain, which

will provide additional capacity to the drain that currently exists, and the installation of two new gullies.

"The council apologises for any inconvenience caused by these works and asks that residents refrain from parking in this section of Robins Lane over the five-day period," a spokesperson said.

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# Vale MP on hand to deliver cheque



Left to right: Anwar Shahjahan, Alun Cairns MP, and Saiful Alam.

VALE MP Alun Cairns was on hand recently to present a cheque for money raised during a charity dinner event for the Barry-based charity The Shahjahan Foundation (SFUK), a voluntary organisation supporting educational, health, social and community projects.

Charity trustee Anwar Shahjahan met with the Vale MP and

Saiful Alam, owner of The Rahil Restaurant in Barry, to receive the cheque for £365 raised during an evening of food and entertainment at the Rahil.

Over 50 people attended the glittering event, including Miss Wales 2010, Courtenay Hamilton, and Miss Wales 2011, Sarah Manchipp.

Alun Cairns and retired headteacher of Barry Comprehensive, David Swallow, were among the guests of honour at the charity fundraising dinner to raise money for local mothers and children in the community.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to be able to attend the charity dinner.

"The work that SFUK in Barry do is really important as they help provide a range of activities and support for local mothers and children."

## Reader's view

### 'BARRY WORST FOR POT HOLES'

I SPEND a lot of my time on the road, but I can quite confidently inform you that Barry has the worst pot holes in the whole of south Wales and the M4 corridor.

I drive a VW Scirocco with low profile tyres; in total I have had six punctures, all down to going over a pot hole.

Each tyre cost £236. My car is a lease car and therefore it is

under a maintenance package, but it is so inconvenient and time consuming.

There have been times when I had to cancel an appointment with a customer which I have waited for months to get.

I spend most of my time avoiding pot holes when in actual fact I should be concentrating on driving safely. I really do not like travelling at night as I cannot see the holes until it's too late.

Why is it other areas do not experience the same issue? Why is it that when they are repaired, the hole re-appears a couple of months later? How is our road tax being spent in Barry? Nikki Best, Welwyn Garden City

## Cosmeston protest

A PROTEST is planned in Barry on March 7 against funding cuts and possible closure of Cosmeston medieval village.

Meeting at 5.30pm outside the Civic Offices, it will highlight the fact that the village is a community resource.

The archaeological site was discovered in 1977, and excavated, with the buildings then reconstructed during the 1980s.

## Groups should bid for coastal grants – Plaid

PLAID CYMRU spokesperson for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has called on community groups to apply for grants from a newly established Coastal Communities Fund.

The fund has been established with 50 per cent of the proceeds from the Crown Estate's marine holdings and is to be used for economic growth and regeneration in seaside towns.

Dr Johnson believes that community groups in Barry, which has already been designated

a Regeneration Zone, can unlock the funding to continue Barry's regeneration and improve the town.

He explained: "The newly established Coastal Communities Fund includes £1.15m of funding to support economic growth in coastal towns in Wales.

"The money is open to projects run by many different types of organisations that support economic development including charities, social enterprises, voluntary organisations, local businesses as well as local authorities."

## Councillors' surgery

Anthony Ernest and Sarah Sharpe, members Vale Council members for the Sully and Lavernock ward, are holding an advice surgery at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, on Saturday, March 10, between 10.30am and 11.30 am.

No appointment is necessary and all are welcome to attend.

## PACT meetings

STANWELL PACT: March 2 in Elfed Avenue United Church at 7pm.

YSTRADOWN: coffee and chat, White Lion public house on March 6 at 11.30am.

PLYMOUTH PACT: March 7 in Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way at 7pm.

COURT PACT: 7pm on March 8 at Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gibbonsdown Rise, Barry.

CASTLELAND PACT: 7pm on March 14 at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

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# Philip Lawrence award for Vale People First's tough message

**L**AST Thursday, I was fortunate to be able to attend and speak at the Philip Lawrence awards ceremony in the Memorial Hall in Barry, when Frances Lawrence presented her award to Vale People First for their film *Rights Fighters*.

The Philip Lawrence Awards were set up in memory of her husband Philip Lawrence, who was a headteacher in London. Many will remember that he was murdered after going to the aid of a pupil who was being attacked by a gang.

Frances Lawrence set up these awards to celebrate the positive contribution of groups of young people in their communities, challenging violence, bullying and racism.

The Philip Lawrence Network was launched in December 2009 and it aims to show how young people are doing extraordinary things for their communities – leading the way, crossing divides, building bridges between young people and adults and making their communities stronger and safer.

Vale People First, based at the HUB in Barry, is the Philip Lawrence UK Award winner this year for the work they do to speak out about bullying and harassment but also to celebrate their lives, their friends and their families.

Run by a group of 11–25 year olds with learning difficulties from across the Vale, Vale Youth Speak Up raises awareness of the issues disabled young people face.

I have invited Vale People First to show their film *The Rights Fighters* to Assembly members in the spring. They made the film

themselves, including the script, the costumes, artwork and acting. It tackles discrimination and bullying using super-heroes and they wrote a song for the film called 'Nothing About us Without Us'.

The awards ceremony in Barry last week was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who came to support the young people.

But the film had tough messages as young people with learning difficulties were turned away from a night club until the 'super hero' intervened.

It took place the day after a debate in the Assembly on a report produced by a cross-party group of AMs on disability related harassment in Wales, with recommendations for the Welsh Government to implement.

As the Minister for Equalities, I responded to the debate, agreeing to all their recommendations and also announcing a new framework for action to tackle all forms of hate crime.

We also discussed it in the newly-formed Race Forum which met last week. It is clear that we will need to learn from groups like Vale People First to get this 'framework for action' right.

In the debate, I said that we all have a duty to protect those who are most vulnerable to

harassment in society and to ensure that disabled people and those with long-term health conditions are able to live a life without fear.

We are currently consulting on our equality objectives for the Welsh Government to take forward and we have included an objective to reduce hate crime.

I would encourage members of the public to send in their comments by going onto the Welsh Government website or writing to me at the Welsh Government, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA.

There is evidence of rising harassment of disabled people in today's society and we must stand up and challenge it. A wheelchair user who was sitting in the gallery watching our debate has reminded us of what life is like.

He said that he has been on the receiving end of hostility aimed at him because of disability.

In supporting the Assembly report, he said: "So it seems all agree that we need to take these things forward and make Wales a more tolerant, safe and understanding place to live, then hopefully, as they did with the smoking ban, the rest of the UK will follow."

Vale People First is playing its part in helping us deliver the sort of Wales where disability

harassment is addressed and challenged by Government and all of us in our everyday lives.

In presenting the award last week at the Memorial Hall, Frances Lawrence said: "Vale Youth Speak Up gives young people in their community the power, confidence and voice to make a vital difference to people with disabilities."

For more information on Vale Youth Speak Up, visit [valepeople1st.giving.officelive.com](http://valepeople1st.giving.officelive.com) or find them on Facebook, Vale People 1st (01446 724010).

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM JANE HUTT  
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

## 'Bus services for the many should receive the subsidy'

THE next meeting of the Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth, will be held at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, on Tuesday, March 6.

The group will be responding to the Vale Council's Local Development Plan, especially the planned development of green field sites for housing and the council's continued support for incineration, despite all our efforts to recycle and reduce more of our waste.

Energy, whether from waste or other sources, is the major issue. Group members will be asked to support the anti-nuclear campaign, focused on Hinckley Point, just across the water, where the 'cap' for the reactor is going to be made in Japan – according to information received from an engineer working in this field.

Barry & Vale FoE are pleased to see Aberthaw Power Station is to reduce its emissions of noxious gases.

FoE members have spoken with a local nurse who witnesses the effects of pollution on our bodies.

Like us, she wishes to see highly-controlled and realistic reading of atmospheric pollution from the Environment Agency and councils of our highly industrialised areas.

Having considered the environmental effects of possible cuts in public transport subsidies, the group feel that the public subsidy for the airport shuttle service in Rhosce should be cut, because there are several bus services already reaching the airport.

Rural bus services should receive this support, along with urban services, like the No. 88 in Barry. These public bus services for the many, should not suffer for those few who are travelling by air.

Keith Stockdale,  
Barry & Vale FoE co-ordinator

## Bishops out and about in Barry

ON Sunday, March 11, both the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend Barry Morgan and the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, the Right Reverend David Wilbourne, are visiting churches in Barry.

The Archbishop will

be celebrating and preaching at both the 9.30am mass in St Cadoc's, 'the old village church', and the 11am mass at St Mary's, Holton Road.

He is coming to celebrate the appointment of the new rector of the churches of St Cadoc and St Mary, whose name will be confirmed in the next few days.

The Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, will be celebrating and preaching at a special 10.15am mass at the church of St Dyfan and St Teilo in Merthyr Dyfan Lane, to mark the re-opening of the church after months of repairs and redecoration.

The congregation of St Paul's, Barry, will be joining the congregation of Merthyr Dyfan for this special service. The interior of the 12th century Merthyr Dyfan church is looking splendid indeed after the restoration.

All are welcome to attend the services at the churches, and welcome the bishops to Barry.

The Archbishop of Wales will also be in Barry on Good Friday, when he will lead a mid-day walk of witness through the town, involving many of the local churches. TS

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## Barry pupils get a taste of life at Westminster



Alun Cairns MP, Hannah Parker and George Scott from Barry.

### TWO Barry Comprehensive pupils recently completed work experience in their local MP's Westminster office.

Alun Cairns and his team have welcomed a host of students over the last year to spend time in the constituency office on the High Street in Barry.

Hannah Parker and George Scott, pupils at Barry Comprehensive, took up an offer to work in Mr Cairns' office in St Stephen's Tower at Westminster earlier this month, having spent time in the High Street office last

summer. Hannah explained: "There's no substitute for students to get first-hand experience of a workplace whilst they're still in education."

"Not only did I enjoy visiting Westminster, but I learnt a lot more than I expected I would during my work experience, both in the constituency and parliamentary offices."

George added: "It was a great opportunity to be able to go to Westminster and spend time in Alun's office and find out what it's like to be an MP."

## Man (27) used his mother to smuggle drugs

A WOMAN who visited a relation in Parc Prison, Bridgend, was "incredulous" to find that a pair of trainers she handed over contained drugs, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Her son David Caulfield, a 27-year-old labourer, had given them to her to pass over to the prisoner.

Caulfield, who lives in Liverpool, admitted two charges of causing another to take drugs into prison. He was jailed for four months, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said: "You allowed your own mother to take those trainers into the prison, and she was found in possession of the drugs."

"It must have been a great shock to her. The smuggling of drugs into prison is a very serious matter."

He said that Caulfield had "landed his mother in it" and she had been an unwitting courier.

Prosecutor Jonathan Bushell said that on the evening of July 23 last year, Mrs Caulfield visited her relation in Parc Prison.

She was searched and officers examined the pair of trainers, in the soles of which were found packages of cannabis and another drug.

"She was arrested and appeared to be absolutely incredulous, and emphatically denied being involved. She said she had collected the items from the defendant and was adamant she would not have brought in drugs."

The defendant was arrested the following day and confirmed that his mother was completely unaware of having the drugs.

Georgina Buckley for Caulfield said: "He acknowledges the gravity of the situation and co-operated fully with the police. He confessed and voluntarily went to Bridgend Police Station. He was extremely foolish."

AJ SICLUNA

## The headless horses of St Bride's Major...

THE village of St Bride's Major lies in the Vale and it is named after St Bridget of Ireland.

It probably dates back to the 12th Century when the parish church was constructed in Norman style by Simon de Londres. This ancient treasure became a listed building in 2002.

The splendour of the Parish Church towered over the village and was a congregational centre for people throughout the community during ancient times.

Inside the building are monuments of dedication to upstanding citizens of the district who were considered important, one being Arnold Butler and his family.

Two monumental plaques are also on display in the vestry from the Bryn Sion Calvinistic Methodist Chapel which was erected in 1859 and classified as a listed building in 2001. By 1987, the chapel was no longer in use and is now the site of residential housing.

St Bride's Major as a community relied upon its many wells and springs for water, and although some were covered up, others can still be seen.

Pilcot Pool was named 'Avon Dawel', or 'Silent River', as it ran underground after a few yards and could no longer be heard.

The landscape was dominated by agriculture where farmers would employ local people to farm the land, needing water from the wells to tend to livestock.

In the vicinity near Blackhall, evidence of lime kilns have been found. These were cre-

### GHOSTLY TALES by HAYLEY WILLIAMS

ated to burn timber so that walls could be built to keep sheep in enclosed areas, giving indications of habitation from our past.

Jacob's Well can be found near a turn in the road feeding from the Alun River.

Pant Marie Flanders Well is near Heol-y-Mynydd and has been declared an ancient monument.

St Bride's Major was littered with stone quarries during the olden days, and also had individual trades such as village stores, blacksmith's shops, a police station, a village hall, a bakehouse, and various cobblers.

Other interesting structures from the past include the medieval preaching cross within the grounds of St Bridget's Churchyard, the school bell tower, the War Memorial, dedicated to the bravery of local servicemen and women located in Bull Hill, and Pont Groes Gwta, which is a listed bridge built in the 18th Century.

Penance building ruins can be found in the area, which are thought to have been a secluded home for the monks of Margam Abbey, who had struck up acquaintances with local women, and were exiled here to ask forgiveness for their sins.

One forgotten public house in the centre of St Bride's Major was The Greyhound Inn, which is now a dwelling.

It was a popular 'watering hole' for many groomsmen whose employers visited the local church and moored

the horses outside the Inn, and with free time to the groomsmen, they would quench their thirst with local ale.

The lifelike image of an elderly lady wearing old-fashioned black clothing with a flowing skirt has been witnessed wandering up an imaginary road, only to disappear in an instant. Who could this lady be, and why would she want to walk through a village that she would probably no longer recognise?

On the pathway leading to the village shop, the shimmering effigy of a donkey kicking out at an invisible building has been seen, only for it to fade away into the background.

Could this frightful image be a replay from the time when blacksmiths from the village would tend to the needs of shoeing animals, or just tricks of the minds of its witnesses?

My parents lived in St Bride's Major during the 1960s, and my mother experienced the phantom sound of galloping horses upon the common, while walking her two poodles during the hours of darkness.

As the stampede got closer, she could see that they were headless, with no course of direction. Could this terrifying commotion be from another world beyond our understanding, or just a startling figment of imagination?

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## BARRY MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

BRANCH leaders past and present, including Mrs Janet Oeppen who started the Barry Mothers' Union branch in 1987, and her husband Canon John Oeppen, were among 66 members and guests who gathered on

February 18 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding.

In line with the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union, which has 4.1 million members throughout the world and is concerned with all that strengthens and preserves family life, a Holy Eucharist was held in All Saints' Church, Park Road.

The celebrant and preacher at this most uplifting service was Canon Adrian Berry. The celebration cake, baked and iced by branch member Barbara Butts, was cut by Mrs Janet Oeppen who was delighted that the branch that she had started 25 years ago was going from strength to strength. Membership now stands at 92.

Recently retired branch secretary of 15 years, Mrs Barbara Forte, gave an entertaining 'Round Up' of the last five years of events. Canon Adrian Berry then proposed a toast to the Mothers' Union.

Branch meetings take place in the church hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7.45pm.

There is corporate communion in church at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month. New members are always welcome - just come along.

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## VALE YOUTH PROJECT WINS AN AWARD FOR SPEAKING UP

A LOCAL youth project, 'Vale Youth Speak Up' was presented with a Philip Lawrence Award at a special event, organised by the crime reduction charity, Nacro, at Barry Memorial Hall.

They were joined by Mrs Frances Lawrence MBE, Jane Hutt AM, the Minister for Equalities, and Keith Towler, the Children's Commissioner for Wales, who presented them with the award.

Founded in July 2009, Vale Youth Speak Up is a user-led self-advocacy children and young people's group of 36 young



Photograph by Bob Fallon.

people aged between 11-25, working to highlight and tackle the issues of discrimination and bullying facing young people with disabilities.

A major objective of the project is to empower and improve young people's involvement in decision making processes. The group have used innovative methods to convey the message that people with disabilities can excel when they are listened to

and given the right support. They have trained and advised the police, parents and youth services on how to interact with young disabled people.

The project is hoping to draw in more support for their cause, and keep on raising awareness among their community and the general public about the treatment of disabled young people.

Vale People First coordinator, Liz Davidson, said: "To say

we are overwhelmed with the recognition of a Philip Lawrence Award is an understatement.

"Vale Youth Speak Up is a group that has only been meeting for two years, and to have attracted such kudos in such a short space of time is incredible.

"This is the second award we have received recognising the quality of participation and inclusion within the last six months."

Mrs Frances Lawrence MBE, said: "Vale Youth Speak Up gives young people in their community the power, confidence and voice to make a vital difference to people with disabilities."

Speaking at the event, Jane Hutt AM, Vale People First trustee, said: "I love Vale People

First. They tell me straight what we should be doing in the Welsh Government and what policies we should be changing. They tell me what life is like for them and all the difficulties that disabled people have.

"They are a fantastic model for the whole of Wales and they are tackling issues that are not only a matter for the minister for equalities, but for the minister for transport, education, economy, arts, and sports - every minister has a duty to listen to Vale People First.

"Congratulations to all those involved in the project."

## Project combats rural isolation

A NEW service aims to work with individuals and communities to help overcome rural isolation among the over-50s in the Vale.

'Rural Connections' is managed by Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale, and is part of a larger project known as the Friendly AdvantAGE project, led by another voluntary sector organisation, The Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

Following an audit of gaps in services that tackled loneliness and isolation, a successful application was submitted to the Big Lottery (BIG) AdvantAGE programme to develop five new types of befriending projects across Cardiff and the Vale.

Jane Platts, 'Rural Connections' co-ordinator, explained that there has been shown to be a serious problem with isolation, especially with the over-50s in the rural Vale.

Initially focusing on St Brides, Omore-by-Sea and Colwinston, Jane will be working with people to establish befriending support and helping people to have the confidence to make friendships.

The project will run for four years. For further information on this and the AdvantAGE Project, contact Jane on 01446 795631.

## Extra feature at Rail Centre could boost tourism in the area



John Buxton and Rick Auger doing survey work at Barry Rail Centre.

SURVEY work has been done at the Barry Rail Centre for a project that will see the installation of a new locomotive turntable. It is hoped that the turntable will be operational in 2014.

The turntable project team is headed up by chartered civil engineers John Buxton, the managing director of the Barry Rail Centre, and Rick Auger, both of whom played key roles in the installation of the turntable at Minehead on the West Somerset Railway. The turntable there has become a focal point for visitors to Minehead, and the plan is to emulate this at Barry.

John Buxton, chairman of the Cambrian Group which now operates the Barry Rail Centre, said: "We are delighted to have begun the process of installing this 1938-built turntable that was originally installed at Bricklayers Arms depot in South London.

"Once it is in place, we will be able to offer servicing and turning facilities for steam hauled charter trains from London, the Midlands and Bristol, which has the potential to bring up to 600 tourists in each train."

The turntable, constructed by Cowans Sheldon, was originally saved

by the Mid-Hants Railway in the 1970s, but was never installed on the line as no suitable site could be found. Cambrian acquired the turntable from the Mid-Hants Railway last year.

Cambrian took over the custodianship of the Barry Rail Centre in January 2011, on a 20-year lease, from the Vale Council.

John Buxton added: "Since taking control of the site, we have been making steady improvements, operating passenger services, opening a new café as part of our Barry Tourist Railway brand, and working toward infrastructure improvements to the two miles of running line.

"The turntable was always a key part of our business plan, adding not only a useful addition to our own operations, but also, allied to our existing mainline connection, transforming Barry into a railway centre of national importance."

The survey work undertaken has identified that a site at the rear of Barry Rail Centre's New Works Building is most suitable.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Vale MP to tackle London Marathon for Vale charities



The MP in training!

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, is in training for the Virgin London Marathon 2012 next month – to raise money for two charities in the Vale.

He aims to complete the course to support Barry-based Atal y Fro (formerly known as Women's Aid) and MIND in the Vale.

Mr Cairns, who will be one of six MPs taking part, explained: "I have worked with both these charities over the last two years and they are leading the field in helping people to gain their self-respect and confidence.

"The money I raise by completing the London Marathon will go towards supporting the services offered at the Tynewydd Centre in Barry for MIND in the Vale.

"It will also ensure that many more women and families affected by domestic abuse are helped by the dedicated team at Atal y Fro."

To sponsor the MP and support Atal y Fro and MIND in the Vale, log onto [www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairnsmp](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairnsmp). Donations can also be taken to, and sponsorship forms completed at the constituency office at 29 High Street, Barry.



The balloons are ready to be released.

## What's on, and where?

**Aviation talk**  
THE 'Danish Flymuseum' – Stauning Aircraft Museum – will be the subject of an illustrated talk by Mr John Wilmoth to members of Penarth Aviation Society tomorrow (Friday, March 2).

The society meets on the first Friday of every month at Penarth Conservative Club, 7.45 for 8pm. Visitors welcome.

Further information from David Ephraim on 01446 721321.

**PTA quiz**  
COWBRIDGE Comprehensive PTA hold a quiz and curry night, on Friday, March 2, at 7pm in the school.  
Last few seats

remaining for this popular fundraiser! Tickets available from the school reception, Xantippe on the High St, or from Mandy Terry; [mandyterry@aol.com](mailto:mandyterry@aol.com), 07979 148 8939.

**Fairtrade sale**  
TO mark Fairtrade Fortnight, Noah's Place Fairtrade Cafe, Westgate, Cowbridge, is holding a Fairtrade crafts and goods sale on Saturday, March 3, from 10.30am. Refreshments will be available.

**Hot off the griddle!**  
FREE Welsh cakes, hot off the griddle, will be served up at Cowbridge Farmers' Market, this Saturday (March 3) to celebrate

St David's Day.

Whipping up the ingredients will be chairperson of Vale Farmers' Market; Vicky Lewis of Lewis Fine foods.

Locally-produced beef, pork, lamb, chicken, fish, venison, vegetables, jams, chutneys, breads and cakes are among the regular delights, and new member Stephanie Lashford has her own range of allergy-free foods.

The Farmers' Market will be in the Arthur John car park parallel to the High Street, from 9am to 1pm.

**Rhoose ward surgery**  
COUNCILLORS Jeff James and Gordon Kemp will be holding one of their regular advice surgeries on Saturday, March 3, at 10am to 12 noon in the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose (side entrance). No appointment necessary and all ward residents are welcome.

**Oceanlight Exhibition**  
ADRIAN Paul Metcalfe's new art exhibition, Oceanlight, offers a chance to explore oceans inspired by extraordinary journeys when it comes to The Old Hall, Cowbridge, on March 3-5.

Oceanlight is a new exhibition of recent work by Adrian Paul Metcalfe, who, whilst based in Wales, has exhibited nationally and internationally for over 30 years.

The exhibition includes oil and water-colour paintings and screen prints.

Admission is free. **Lecture U3A**  
RECENTLY, Cowbridge U3A

enjoyed a fascinating and interesting talk by Sara Huws on the rebuilding of St Teilo's Church at St Fagans Museum.

It combined technology, archaeology, medieval beliefs and under floor heating (not Roman but latest technology!).

On Wednesday, March 14, there will be a talk by Glyn Evans on 'What's in a Name?' – car names!

The venue will be Cowbridge Rugby Club

**PODS' play**  
PENARTH Operatic & Democratic Society (PODS) will present Terrence Rattigan's *Flare Path* at The Paget Rooms, Penarth from March 14-17 at 7.30pm.

Tickets available at the Tenovus Cancer Charity Shop, 23 Windsor Road, Penarth (Tel: 02920 708668) or from the Ticket Secretary Brian Gardner (02920 712260).

**Penarth talk**  
THE social justice committee of Penarth and District Cytun (Churches Together) is holding a public meeting on Thursday, March 15 in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square.

Dr John Weaver will be speaking on 'The Christian Response to Millennium Goals' at 7.30pm. Admission free

**Samaritans recruit**  
THE Bridgend Samaritans will hold an open day/selection on Saturday, March 17 from 9.45am-1pm at 2 Green Street, Bridgend.

To attend the selection day, telephone 01656 662333, or email [bridgendselection@gmail.com](mailto:bridgendselection@gmail.com).

## Pupils raise funds for Hari

ON Friday January 20, class 9GE at Bryn Hafren School, Barry, held a cake break for Hari's First Steps.

The charity is to help raise money for Hari from Neath to have a life changing operation in America that will help him walk unaided.

9GE made and bought cakes, biscuits and sweets to sell. There was also a name the giant teddy competition and a raffle.

They raised £122.90 for Hari's First Steps, and wrote a letter which was given to Hari's family with the cheque.

## Eyes peeled for fallen tags!

DID GEM readers notice a display of 200 red balloons in the sky across Barry recently?

To raise money for the charity of the year, BIBIC (British

Institute of Brain Injured Children), Little Inspirations Day Nursery in Barry held a balloon release on February 24.

The parents, staff and workers at the

Barry Community Enterprise Centre all purchased balloons prior to the day and £200 is being donated to BIBIC for this event.

So far, the company has raised £2,400 through a spiritualist night, a Hawaiian-themed summer fair and a Christmas fete. Look out for the

balloon tags far and wide, as the balloon that travels the furthest will win a prize! Contact 01443 222660 if you find one.

Little Inspirations would like to thank all of the parents for their continued support during charity events. HH

## Sully group's Penarth show

FOR the first time in more than 30 years, Sully Painting Group is holding an exhibition in Penarth – at the Washington Gallery from March 2-16, with a private view being opened by Vaughan Gething AM, tomorrow (March 2).

Members of the group are amateur painters from Rhoose, Dinas Powys and Barry, as well as Sully and Penarth.

They are well known for their annual charity fundraising exhibition in

Sully during June.

The paintings to be on display are of a very high standard, and include all types of media.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to come to the exhibition.

If you would like to paint, why not come and join the group? We meet in Sully on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and are always happy to welcome new members, whether they have painted before or not.

Our usual summer exhibition will still be held in the Jubilee Hall at Sully in June. RA

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D711.

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## Tour of historic churches in the Black Mountains

TWELVE members of the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers travelled to the Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons National Park, for a walk from Cwmoy, north of Abergavenny.

We had been warned that the start of the walk was steeply uphill.

Steep was the word, and a great way to warm up the walking muscles.

From the lane to the south, there were superb views of Skirrid Fawr and, in the distance, Sugar Loaf Mountain.

The weather was perfect with clear sunshine and it stayed that way all day.

After walking along the ridge above the Gwyrne Fawr valley, the group descended down to Pontyspig and then via fields to Partrishow.

Lunch was eaten at

the beautiful church of Merthyr Issui at Patricio; with its medieval wall paintings and 16th century carved oak rood screen.

Leaving the church, the walk joined up with the Brecon Way across the valley and then climbed back onto the ridge via an isolated Methodist chapel above the ford at Ty-y-n-Pant.

From there, the group descended into the Llanthony valley through Coed Robin, then past the refurbished Neaudd farmhouse.

The walk ended by returning through Cwmoy village and the third of the churches – St Martin Cwmoy.

More details of our walks are available at [www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk). Also, follow us on our Facebook page – Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers.

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The No 1 Welsh Wing Air Cadets on parade (see story on right).

## Barry's Air Cadets join the St Athan anniversary parade



The Squadron, busy with their basketball training.

## 'LEISURE VENTURE: WHY THE SECRECY?'

**I**READ with interest in last week's GEM of the grand opening of the Vale Council's latest leisure venture, the Adizone outdoor gym, built at a cost

of more than **£250,000.**

I also read a few weeks ago, of the council's £300,000 spend on Barry Regeneration, and £100,000 on Holm View Leisure Centre for improvements and repairs.

These massive sums were all drawn from Barry Regeneration, and Section 106 funding, which is, essentially, the local public purse.

However, I now understand that this week, the cabinet are to announce that all of the Vale's leisure centres are

to be run with a commercial operator Parkwood Leisure Ltd for the next 10 years at least – and, as part of the deal, the council is also intending to put in another £2 or £3 million extra for further repairs to the centres.

If this turns out to be the case, can somebody please tell me why such vast public sector funds have been, and still intend to be, ploughed in to these centres, and why the new commercial operator, whose aim is to make a profit for share-

holders, cannot fund these improvements themselves.

Can somebody also please tell me why is there a lack of transparency with the public yet again, why there is a need to discuss this matter behind closed doors, and what impact this deal will have on assets held, services offered, admission prices, and, most importantly, workers' jobs?

**JONATHAN OSBORNE**  
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## Barrivale results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

1st Denis Mottram and Mick Green	67.46 per cent.
2nd Kay Dyer and Diana Kendrick	55.56 per cent.
3rd Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews	52.78 per cent.

Kay and Diana won on handicap.  
New members are always welcome at Barrivale. Telephone 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Mike Bond

**RECENTLY, 16 Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron attended a parade with 300 others from No 1 Welsh Wing, at MoD St Athan, to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the Air Training Corps (ATC).**

The day began with the 300 Air Cadets in a formal parade and they were inspected by the reviewing officer, Wing Commander Paul Regan (station commander).

Wing Commander Ken Pudney (Officer Commanding No.1 Welsh Wing) spoke of his pride in the Cadets and the parade was followed by a church service where Cadets learnt about the history of the ATC and the RAF.

The Cadets then took part in a variety of activities including archery, shooting the No 8 rifle, orienteering, field craft, archery, gliding and sports, including basketball, circuits, badminton and football. They also had visits from the sta-

tion ambulance and fire services personnel. Cadet Gareth Messer said: "I have really enjoyed today, especially the sports and archery."

"I am looking forward to the parade and activities day again next year."

The Cadets who took part were: Carl Chaplin, Megan Hamblin, Geraint Andrews, Bethan Williams, Rachel Carbis, Bethan Hopkins, Gareth Messer, Steph Jones, Ellie Jones, Jack Cowles, Keiren Long, Nathan Loxton, Jake Patterson, and John Poulakis.

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# Glamorgan Law expands in Cowbridge



**L**ARBY WILLIAMS of Cowbridge is the latest firm to add its weight behind the increasingly prominent force on the South Wales legal scene that is Glamorgan Law.

In 2010, Peter Davies Solicitors of Park Place, Cardiff, a niche litigation firm, joined forces with high street practice, James & Bulteel of Cardiff and

Pontypridd and with Beech & Co, commercial property and business law specialists based in Cowbridge, under the Glamorgan Law banner.

Announcing its latest merger with Larby Williams, Glamorgan Law's Senior Partner, Peter Davies, said: "We have created a firm capable of providing a comprehensive service to both businesses and individuals from local offices throughout the South Wales region."

"We are building a brand known for high quality client care and technical excellence.

"Our aim is to serve those clients who want personal service from excellent, highly trained solicitors and the security of high quality at a fair and competitive price."

Mr Davies continued: "We will be celebrating our merger with Larby Williams on St David's Day and I am delighted that they have decided to join forces with our Cowbridge office."

"Larby Williams has built an excellent reputation for quality and client care and shares our values and aims. The merger provides us with a greater range of expertise in Cowbridge, including agricultural law, family law, trusts, wills, tax and probate to add to our traditional strengths in commercial property, business law and dispute resolution."

The Partner in charge of the new Glamorgan Law Cowbridge office, Richard Beech, commented: "The recent economic climate has been difficult for everyone, including lawyers. I am

pleased to say that Glamorgan Law is coming through this difficult period very strongly, though I am aware that there have been many firms badly hit by the downturn."

"The Larby Williams merger greatly adds to our range of technical

expertise in Cowbridge, more than doubles our numbers and provides us with high profile offices on the High Street. I am very confident that the values and people of the two firms will blend brilliantly! I am relishing the challenge ahead with my new team."

Adrian Larby who, with colleague Pamela Haines and their teams joins Glamorgan Law said: "This is great news for us, for the clients of Larby Williams and, indeed, for everyone needing legal services in the Vale of Glamorgan".



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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

# LDP – our chance to call for changes

**A**S I'm sure GEM readers are aware, the draft Local Development Plan (LDP) has now been accepted and published by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to go through the formal consultation process.

These draft plans follow a formal process for planning requirements laid out by the Welsh Government, and will form the basis for all planning decisions in the Vale for the next 15 years.

The commencement date for this formal six-week consultation began on February 20 and closes on April 2.

After the consultation period, the council will consider all the views and comments received from residents, businesses and stakeholders and make adjustments to the LDP accordingly.

It is vital that the local authority know your strength of feeling on the LDP within this six-week period.

Although this is only the first stage of the LDP process, it is extremely important because ultimately the deciding body on all matters planning – the Welsh Government – will be taking into account the views discussed and raised at this stage of the process.

The local authority will then present this adjusted document to the Welsh Government whose Inspector may choose to make further amendments in making his/her judgement on the plan.

The Inspector will be looking at the objections



**Vale MP Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

made now and will judge all proposals according to the Wales Planning Policy document.

At this stage, the Inspector is likely to hold a formal planning inquiry, where people will be able to give further evidence in person, or in writing.

We also need to remember that landowners and developers will be pressing to extend developments or will ask to include land not already allocated.

In view of the potential return, they are highly likely to use professional planners and barristers for such purposes.

In order to combat such expertise, it is essential that as many as possible express their concerns which should be based on planning reasons and principles. The planners and,

ultimately, the Inspector will consider a broad range of matters in relation to the LDP, which will include variables such as the local housing demand (if any) and the number of pupils attending the local school.

It's pertinent to note at this point, that schools of less than 100 pupils can often come under threat of closure under Welsh Government guidance.

Similarly, a lack of space in local schools for additional pupil places can be a material factor within a planning context.

I have already met with several community groups regarding their concerns about proposed residential, traveller and business park development locations in the Vale – from Barry, Wick, Llangan and Rhooose.

As I am not a member of the local authority, I can only bring matters to their attention for their judgement, but will do all I can to ensure your voice is heard.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the situation in England is very different.

The Localism Act puts the decision-making in the hands of the community.

Unfortunately, the Welsh Government chose not to follow this policy and to establish the LDP process instead.

*I hope that over time we will be allowed the same privilege as communities in England.*

## Iolo pupils put on a concert!

YSGOL Iolo Morgannwg is holding a concert on March 8, at 6.30pm, to raise funds for the Welsh National Eisteddfod, which being held in the Vale later this year.

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*RIGHT: Children proudly hold up Welsh flag in preparation for the school's Eisteddfod concert*



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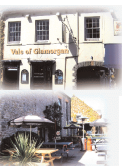
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## More than 40 years of Local choir has plenty to sing about after more than 40 years

by PHILIP IRWIN

**W**HEN you stop and think about it, Cowbridge is hardly in the heartland of 'Cor Meibion' – the Welsh Male Voice Choir tradition.

Such choirs will always be associated with the twin influences on life in the Welsh Valleys – coal mining and the numerous chapels and churches that are a hallmark of life in communities such as Treorchy or Morriston.

The leafy Vale of Glamorgan, with its primarily rural employment patterns, was always going to be different.

There were no places where hundreds of men (as it then was) worked together. If choirs sprang, in part, from communal singing in the pit head baths, then Cowbridge was doomed to miss out.

In fact, that was also the opinion of Keith Brown, one of the choir's founders!

Keith explained: "When I lived in London I was friendly with Meic Edwards. We weren't choir members, all we would get involved in was a sing-song in a pub.

"I moved back to Cowbridge and later, when Meic moved back, he got in touch and said why don't we form a choir?"

"I said that it wouldn't take off in an area like Cowbridge, but Meic was persistent. So the two of us, along with Bob Whittaker, distributed leaflets and asked anyone interested to come to a meeting at the Eastgate Hotel."

That initial meeting was attended by about 15, but Meic was proved right in a pretty short period of time, as more choristers came forward.

Numbers have been as high as 85, and even now, when some choirs are struggling, the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir still has 65 choristers.

Apart from the aforementioned founders, there are two other members of the choir today – Glyn Jones and Gwyn Jones – who can claim to have been there for the first rehearsals, the first public performance in 1971, and the following 41 years.

Glyn Jones told The GEM: "Meic, Keith and Bob put out a leaflet and I remember there were around 15 at that first meeting. It wasn't long before we had around 30 rehearsing regularly, and we started to plan for our first performance.

"I think the first song we rehearsed was 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore'."

That first performance came on June 10, 1971, in 'Cowbridge Week, in the town hall, and for that evening's entertainment, the choir shared the stage with the Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS).

CADS performed a series of sketches, and then



*Cowbridge Male Voice Choir pictured outside the Millennium Centre and in front of the impressive mirrored water tower (Cardiff - 10th May, 2008)*

the choir took to the stage, with a pretty traditional male voice choir repertoire.

By now, the late David Richards had been appointed as musical director – a post that he filled for about eight years.

Among the songs performed that night were: 'Ar Hyd yr Nos'; 'Speed Your Journey' and the Red Army Choir favourite, 'Kalinka'.

The accompanist for that first performance was a very young Sandra Thomas who now, under her married name of Sandra Williams, is still accompanying the choir.

Sandra can't quite boast 41 unbroken years of service, but she is so close that it makes little difference!

During the 1970s, the young choir grew quickly in reputation and confidence, appearing alongside the renowned Parc and Dare Brass Band in a series of concerts, and appearing in an HTV series, *Corau Meibion*.

They also performed at the Royal Albert Hall, together with Dame Vera Lynn and Larry Adler at the reunion of the Burma Star Association.

It was in 1979 that the choir took on its biggest challenge so far – touring Saskatchewan in Canada – where temperatures were 30 below zero!

By now, Iwan Guy was the musical director, and the choir accepted an itinerary of 17 performances

in 16 days!

Glyn Jones remembered: "Barry Male Voice Choir had been going to tour but they offered it to us. In the end, a number of Barry choristers joined us on the trip.

"I do remember the fantastic response we received from audiences. Some people had driven 200 miles to see us."

Through the 1980 and 1990s, the choir continued to tour and develop its repertoire.

Members sang in North America and throughout Europe, and the choir also welcomed touring ensembles from overseas, sharing the stage with them in a series of concerts back home in south Wales.

In 1985, the baton was passed on once again, with Shelley Thomas-Brown taking over as musical director – a post she holds to this day.

She and Sandra Williams have been director and accompanist for more than 25 years now.

Shelley combines leading the choir with the post of head of music at Maesteg Comprehensive School, where the school has a strong musical tradition, while Sandra has now retired from her post as a primary school teacher, specialising in Welsh and music.

Sandra also plays the church organ in the historic village of St Hilary.

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# Cowbridge Male Voice Choir

## Happy St David's Day



The key posts in this male voice choir are held by women, and the third is that of honorary president, where the renowned soprano, Iona Jones, has been in post since 2005.

In August 2000, she crowned her competitive career by winning the prestigious David Ellis Memorial Prize at the national Eisteddfod in Llanelli.

Iona has toured extensively as a soloist, appearing at both the Sydney Opera House and at Carnegie Hall, New York. In 1995, she was guest soloist for Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's silver jubilee tour of Ontario.

### CHARITY WORK

The choir has always been delighted to help charities at home and abroad, and a long list of good causes who have benefited from funds raised at concerts include: Noah's Ark Appeal; Save the Children; Barnardo's; the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford; Leukaemia Research; and NCH Action for Children.

The choir draws its members from around the Vale these days, with some from Bridgend and Pontyclun, it stands at an impressive 65.

However, as the choir's secretary, Tom Carnduff, said: "We are always on the lookout for new members, so men who live in the area and who enjoy singing are welcome to join us at a rehearsal."

"We rehearse in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, except in school holiday periods."

ABOVE: It's 1985, and Shelly Thomas-Brown has just taken the reins as Musical Director



ABOVE: The very first performance of the choir, in June 1971, in Cowbridge Town Hall

## Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant hapus

### NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

More information can be obtained from Tom Carnduff on 01446 794092 on e-mail, [secretary.cmvc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cmvc@gmail.com) or by visiting the website: [www.cmvc.org.uk](http://www.cmvc.org.uk)

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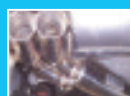


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# BARRY SCHOOL COMES TOP IN CRIME AND SAFETY QUIZ

ST Richard Gwyn Comprehensive School, Barry, recently won a crime and safety national quiz and bagged a Lenovo ThinkPad Edge 11 Notebook and mobile phone.

The final round took place in the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff, on Thursday, February 9, and was relayed by live feed on the internet through the website [www.brfm.co.uk](http://www.brfm.co.uk)

The four teams competing for the national trophy were the successful regional winners from each of the Welsh police force areas: St. Richard Gwyn School, representing south Wales; Sant John Lloyd Secondary Catholic School, Carmarthenshire, representing Dyfed Powys; Chepstow Comprehensive School, Chepstow, representing Gwent; and St Brigid's School, Denbigh, representing north Wales.

Each of these teams comprised five year-8 pupils, who have devoted considerable time and effort in learning information about the three main themes of the core programme – 'Drug and Substance Misuse', 'Social Behaviour and Community' and 'Personal Safety'.

During the All-Wales School Core Programme quiz, hosted by Kevin Johns, from Swansea Sound Radio, the teams answered questions on: drugs and substances; antisocial behaviour; arson reduction; personal safety; road safety; health issues; and ages in law, and were also tested on their powers of observation.

Chief Constable of Gwent Police, the



**ABOVE:**  
The team photo includes St Richard Gwyn pupils Caitlin Overton, Olivia Edwards, Emily Peters, Joe Coyle, Daniel Ahearn, teacher Moya Sanders, sponsor Catherine Overton of Airwaves Solutions, PC Chris Thompson from South Wales Police, Vale of Glamorgan police division, and Chief Constable Carmel Napier of Gwent Police.

Chief Constable of Gwent Police, presented all the participants with a plaque and certificate.

As an extra surprise and thank you for all the pupils' hard work they were presented with a mobile phone from Airwaves Solutions and the winning school received a Lenovo ThinkPad Edge 11 Notebook with software and a case from G4S Group 4 Securicor.

As an extra treat the next day, the teams were taken to Ely Fire Station and Techniquet, before travelling back to their home areas.

## Students go creative in 3D



Students show off their 3D sculpture.

STUDENTS from Bryn Hafren worked with Ben Frost designing and building skyscrapers and Olympic sculptures.

The workshops are part of a series being held in primary and secondary schools throughout Wales.

Using simple materials, the workshop enabled the students and teachers to explore creative ideas in three dimensions by building enormous structures.



## News from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig Pupils lead way in card recycling drive



Pupils show off the Christmas cards they have recycled.

**Recycling!**  
ONCE again this year, the children collected their Christmas cards for recycling. The total cards collected amounted to almost 500kg! Year-6 Mr McAvoy's class were the individual winners, collecting 96kg worth of cards on their own!

CASGLWYD bron i 500cg o gerdiau Nadolig eto eleni. Diolch yn fawr i'n teuluoedd am yr holl help. Dosbarth Blwyddyn 6 Mr McAvoy wnaeth ennill gyda chyfanswm o 96cg, gwyh!

**Anti-bullying production**  
LAST week the school welcomed Firehorse Productions to the school, for their produc-

tion of 'The B Word – Bullying'.

It was a fantastic show and the children were thoroughly entertained, but also learnt a valuable lesson in how to behave appropriately in school and also learnt about cyberbullying.

Year-5 pupil Madison Bailey said: "We don't like any sort of bullying in our school and this was a great way of showing children the different types of bullying that can go on in a school and also outside with cyberbullying."

BWLIO oedd ar yr agenda i blant Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig yr wythnos ddiwethaf gyda chwmni ddrama Firehorse yn perfformio 'The B Word – Bwlio'. Roedd y plant wedi mwynhau'r perfformiad yn fawr iawn ac wedi dysgu llawer.

## Local school's peaceful haven



**RIGHT:**  
Headteacher Richard Ware receives the cheque from representatives of Waitrose.

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School was "delighted" to have been included in this month's 'Community Matters' scheme at Waitrose, Barry, which allows shoppers to allocate tokens to local projects that are converted into cash donations.

Headteacher Richard Ware, along with learning assistants Chris Thomas

and Rachel Robinson, were thrilled to accept a cheque for £490, which was presented by assistant branch manager, Adrian Higham.

Mr Ware warmly thanked Mr Higham and also Waitrose's community liaison officer, Vicky Barree, for the donation, which will be used to begin the next phase of development of the school's community faith garden.

This provides a peaceful place for learning activities and quiet reflection.

## From one Parliament to another at Barry!

BARRY Comprehensive School hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords recently, to encourage students to engage more with the political and parliamentary process.

Baroness Finlay met members of the school parliament cabinets and politics students for an hour to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords.

This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life

at Westminster generally.

Students involved in the sessions, from year-7 to year-13, were inspired by her enthusiasm for her role and her 'can do' attitude to life.

Ms S Morgan, the coordinator of the school parliament, said:

"This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily lives."

The visit was

arranged through the Lord Speaker's 'Peers in Schools' programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 30,000 young people.

This continuing outreach programme sends members of the House of Lords into schools and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum.

For further information, see the Lord Speaker's web page at [www.parliament.uk/lord-speaker](http://www.parliament.uk/lord-speaker)

## Penarth Computer Club – Q&A Wikipedia

SOME questions are simply put, but complicated to answer: one at our recent Brains Trust evening asked how much you could rely on the factual information provided by Wikipedia, the free on-line digital encyclopedia?

Wikipedia was founded in 2001 aimed at setting up digital access to the sum of human knowledge. It contains almost four million articles in English over 26,000 pages, and has over 16 million registered users, including over 1,500 administrators and a total of 86,000 contributors.

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The numbers are impressive. In a month it adds more words than a person could read in a lifetime. It needs its host of volunteers to keep things under control. To understand how much you can rely on the information you need to understand how it is compiled and maintained.

Contributors are unpaid volunteers. Anyone can contribute (anonymously if preferred) provided they abide by the principles. They range from experts to casual readers. Many contributions are edits to improve the articles in a polite manner, and there are facilities for debate.

A new article might be quite simple and then gradually grow into something deeper and more authoritative as it is expanded or corrected by edits. Writing is always from a neutral point of view and much effort is devoted to verifying the accuracy of any content.

If a statement is unsupported, it is flagged with a request for verification or a citation of its source.

Anyone can edit the content. There are always those who think it fun to sabotage the work of others by vandalising entries by deliberately inserting false information. Wikipedia has a reputation for the rapid reversal of such damage and have introduced some sensible limitations to editing.

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Wikipedia is a living project with the wisdom not to produce a set of rules carved in stone, but to remain flexible to meet changing circumstances. It encourages you to contribute edits or to question something you doubt. It makes clear that it is not a soapbox; an advertising platform; a newspaper; a dictionary or directory. It doesn't take sides, but is willing to explain both. I am happy to rely on it.

The next meeting is on Tuesday March 13 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7.30pm. We will take an early look at the forthcoming Windows 8. For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND (Chairman)



## WASHINGTON FILM 'A THRILLING RIDE BUT ALL TOO FAMILIAR'

# Action blockbuster delivers oomph in spite of predictable plot twists

**F**OR one of the most revered actors of his generation, Denzel Washington has never been afraid to walk on the path of the blockbuster.

His appearances in the likes of *Unstoppable* and *Man On Fire* have offset his more dramatic choices, the actor bringing gravitas to even the most vacuous of movies.

He finds himself alongside Ryan Reynolds in *Safe House*, where Washington plays Tobin Frost, a rogue CIA agent who is caught and interrogated in the titular safe house in Johannesburg looked after by Matt Weston (Reynolds); but when the house is compromised by people hunting

down Frost, Weston must go on the run with him in order to keep him under arrest and prevent him falling into the wrong hands...

If you read the plot summary above and thought "not again", then you wouldn't be alone; originality most certainly isn't one of *Safe House's* strong points.

But beyond its clichéd genre origins is a film that makes for a thrilling ride, albeit one that is more than familiar.

It certainly isn't an acting stretch for Denzel Washington, whose performance rarely breaks out of second gear, but whose charisma more than pulls him through.

Frost is the sort of character that

Washington could essay in his sleep, all quiet stoicism and more than meets the eye in terms of his true motivations, but Washington gives the character depth so that you can't help but be drawn into his story.

Ryan Reynolds is arguably more impressive as the rookie agent with a point to prove – and who has to prove it in the most extreme circumstances possible.

Reynolds showed in the impressive *Buried* that he is maturing into an actor of some

renewal, and here he takes the material and gives it a feeling of substance, the character richly portrayed by the actor. He perfectly con-

veys the fact that Weston is going up the proverbial creek by trying to handle Frost, and Reynolds' turn is a lot better than the material demands.

There are decent performances from Brendan Gleeson (shady), Vera Farmiga (underused) and Sam Shepard (grizzled) as CIA higher-ups who may or may not be hiding secrets, the quality of the cast again covering up the predictability of the material.

Daniel Espinosa's Hollywood debut as director is a fairly decent one, marrying the machinations of the story to some hard-hitting action sequences of

note, including a propulsive and highly impressive car chase through the streets of South Africa.

There is more than a nod to Tony Scott's directorial style in the way Espinosa lenses the film, grainy film stock and different shades feeling familiar but lacking Scott's kinetic editing style, but Espinosa opts for finesse over stylistics and it pays dividends.

While the script, by David Guggenheim, throws plenty of intrigue into its near-two-hour running time, there is far too much that feels familiar, the story arc unfolding almost as a checklist while the beats

of the narrative can be heard and seen a mile off; there is no attempt to transcend the clichés into something different, and though it almost embraces them willingly, it is far too straightforward to truly impact and live long in the memory.

Ultimately that is *Safe House's* largest shortcoming – that no matter how fresh and exhilarating Daniel Espinosa's direction tries to be, it is undone by the film's seen-it-all-before nature.

There are no surprises on show, no sudden twists or turns that you can't see coming, and though it makes for a solid and entertaining

watch, you won't feel too much about it once the lights come on.

**VERDICT** – A typical genre film enlivened by Daniel Espinosa's direction and two good turns from Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds, *Safe House* doesn't pull up any trees or deliver any surprises; but it still makes for an entertaining watch, and as brainless entertainment it certainly achieves its aims, but little more. Enjoyable.

## SCREEN TALK



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**VALE AM Jane Hutt was on hand at the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union AGM in the Vale Civic Offices on February 22 to congratulate Mike Watkins and Jean Smith on more than 5,000 hours of voluntary work given to the body.**

Chaired by Alun Taylor, there was an update on improvements in the Credit Union service, including a

quicker assessment for loans to members within 24 hours.

Ms Hutt AM said: "If you would like to find out more about the Credit Union and how you can become a member, why not call in to see the volunteers at the Civic Offices in Barry every Monday between 10am-1pm or at Barry Library in Kings Square every Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 1pm?"



Jane Hutt AM with Credit Union volunteers Mike Watkins and Jean Smith.

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# The Best Kept Village Competition committee rings the changes in the Queen's Jubilee year

**THE Best Kept Village competition in the Vale was established in 1953, as part of the Vale's celebrations for the Queen's Coronation.**

The competition was started by local businessman and philanthropist, D C Jones, who owned a department store in Barry. He donated a superb gilded silver cup for the competition, to be presented each year to the winning village.

The Cup is still presented annually, but has become simply a silver Cup since zealous cleaning by villagers each year has removed all the external gold coating!

As we celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee this year, the committee hopes to make it a special year with as many villages taking part in the competition as possible. It could even be combined with the 'plant a Jubilee tree' campaign.

## Basil praised!

**LONG-STANDING** committee member, associated with the competition for nearly 40 years and chairman for the past 21, Col Basil Watkins, confirmed at the committee's AGM in January that he was standing down.

The committee were unanimous in saying how much his long experience with the competition would be missed and in thanking him for his huge contribution to the competition over a great many years.

In gratitude for his contribution to the competition, the Vale of Glamorgan presented him with a special commemorative glass paperweight. (See photograph of the Mayor of the Vale presenting Col Watkins with the paper weight).

Following the chairman's retirement, an election took place and Mr Richard Skinner, past secretary, was elected as the new Chairman and his old job was filled by Mrs Carole Alexander, who has worked for the Vale Council for 20 years.

The new chairman thanked Col Watkins for his valued long service and admitted it would be a hard act to follow. He was also extremely pleased to welcome Carole onto the committee as secretary and felt that we were fortunate indeed to have secured her services. (See photo of the new chairman, secretary and the outgoing chairman).

## Special year

**2012 is going to be special year for several reasons; the Queen's jubilee, the Olympics and the Eisteddfod in the Vale in August.**

The new chairman would like more villages to pull out the stops and enter the competition this year, thus improving the neat and tidy look of the Vale and enhancing local community spirit.

He makes an especial plea to lapsed, past entry villages such as; Colwinston, Flemingston, Pendoylan, Peterston-super-Ely and Wick to form community action groups and join the competition again; also we would encourage participation by new villages such as Graig Penllyn and Treoes entering.

If nothing else, the competition generates good community spirit and improves the environment: ideal in this the Jubilee and Vale Eisteddfod

year.

The new secretary will be contacting all Community Councils with entry forms in due course, but an early year's resolution to join in is ideal to set the ball rolling.

The competition is all about "best kept" and not picture post card perfect type villages. Small as well as large villages can enter and do equally well. Michaelston-le-Pit won last year, but large villages such as Wenvoe have also won within the last four years.

Often the excuse is: "We have lots of building work going on and this spoils the village." The judges can take this into account and can block out any such problems when making their rounds.

*So please make it a Jubilee Year resolution to tidy your village and enter the competition! The top five villages win cash prizes which range from £100 up to £500. On top of this, the winning village is also awarded tickets for four for a day at the races, including a meal in the restaurant overlooking the racetrack, thanks to the generosity of the owners of Ffos Las Racecourse.*

Our main sponsors are The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Town and Community Councils and Cemex, our thanks go to these benefactors, without them we would be unable to run the competition. Our schools competition receives sponsorship from Dyffryn gardens, to whom we are also greatly indebted, and our special prize of a day at the races comes from Ffos Las Racecourse, to whom we give a big thank you.

## Welsh Baccalaureate?

**CALLING all secondary school pupils completing the Welsh Baccalaureate!**

Two years ago, a year-12 pupil successfully carried out a project which formed the 'Community Element' of their Baccalaureate. Her work was successfully entered as a 'Special Feature' within this competition. We encourage 'Special Feature' entries where a village is unwilling to commit to a whole village entry. Such entries are looked upon as tasters for a potential future full entry. We would love to have more young people taking part in this competition.

A Baccalaureate element could consist of a Special Feature or be part of a whole village entry – plant a tree or two, even! We award prize money for worthwhile feature entries; up to £100 can be won.

## Schools competition

**OUR schools competition has over the last few years gone from strength to strength, with 24 entries judged in 2011.**

We will again be contacting all primary and nursery schools in the Vale this year for entries. We plan to have our usual 'bun-fight' buffet and winner's announcements at Dyffryn Gardens this July.

**RICHARD SKINNER**

**RIGHT: Ystradowen lay-by.**

**BELOW:**  
**Richard Skinner, Carole Alexander and Basil Watkins.**



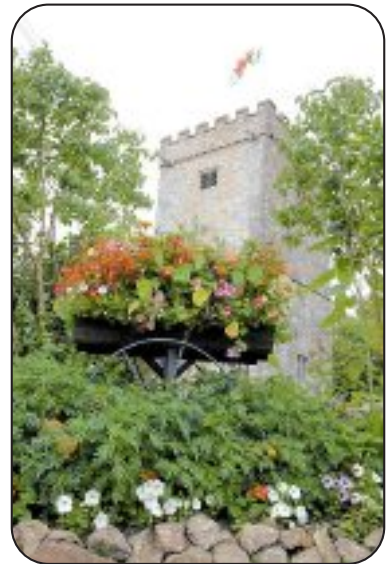
ABOVE: Wenvoe phone box.



ABOVE: The White Lion, Ystradowen.



ABOVE: Y Bont Faen Primary School.



ABOVE: Pendoylan in 2009.



Col Basil Watkins with the Vale Mayor.



ABOVE: The well at Michaelston.



ABOVE: bus shelter in 2009.



ABOVE: Welsh Baccalaureate entry in 2010.



# Council looks for a partner to run its leisure centres

THE Vale Council is considering following neighbouring Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in letting a private sector partner run its leisure centres.

BCBC is run by Labour, and the council is now at an advanced stage in the change-over, with plans recently announced to invest £4.2 million of private money in Bridgend's main recreation centre.

The Vale Council's cabinet considered a recommendation yesterday (February 29) that the council should appoint Parkwood Leisure Ltd as its "preferred partner" to run its leisure centres.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "This follows an extensive procurement period, which has involved detailed discussions with four potential bidders.

"If the deal goes ahead, it will

by PHILIP IRWIN

mean that, although the leisure centres remain the responsibility of the council, Parkwood will operate the centres for a minimum of 10 years with a possible extension for a further five years."

The BCBC deal with its private sector partners has a similar timescale.

The Vale Council spokeswoman said: "In addition to this, the council will also consider a recommendation that up to £3million be identified for investment in the centres, which will lead to improvements to the buildings themselves and their facilities."

This £3 million investment will come from the Vale Council's funds.

The Vale Council spokeswoman said: "This proposal is good news for the users of the council's leisure centres and for

the staff. It will mean that all the existing leisure centres will continue to operate, even though the proposed contract has achieved the savings required. The level of the service is guaranteed for the next 10 years and this will open up real opportunities for improvements to the facilities for the public, and staff career progression."

Coun Anthony Ernest, the cabinet member for tourism and leisure said: "The proposed private sector partner, Parkwood Leisure Ltd, has substantial experience throughout the UK in operating leisure centres, including the Cardiff International Pool.

"I am pleased that, following a lengthy procurement process, their proposal guarantees the future of all the council's leisure centres. Their proposals have a clear focus on the customer, while at the same time offering staff real development opportunities.

"It is pleasing that they have managed to achieve significant savings and this clearly reflects the advantage that such companies have in terms of financial benefits that are not available to the council, including purchasing power in this market, business rate relief and national marketing initiatives."

Vale leisure centres covered by the proposals are as follows: Barry Leisure Centre; Cowbridge Leisure Centre; Llantwit Major Leisure Centre; Penarth Leisure Centre; Holm View Leisure Centre; Colcot Sports Centre (new hall and artificial turf pitch).

## Bridgend tax debate

COMMENTS on last week's GEM article about Bridgend County Borough Council's decision to freeze council tax included one from regional AM Suzy Davies.

She said that the Welsh Government, under First Minister Carwyn Jones AM, had let Bridgend

down by not passing on all the money that the Westminster Government had released to cut council tax bills.

She argued that key services in the borough could be jeopardised as a result.

Mr Jones' response did not reach The GEM in time to be included in last week's article.

His statement was as follows: "The decision to freeze council tax will be welcomed right across the borough. The council is to be commended for striking a balance during these difficult financial times, by protecting services and giving council taxpayers real value for money."

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To learn to maximise your networking skills in a fun and friendly environment, join our workshop on

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To book, please contact Rebecca at: [members@vwbn.org.uk](mailto:members@vwbn.org.uk).

## Vale Women's Business Network HOW DO NETWORKS WORK FOR YOU?

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## AS ONE DOOR CLOSES, ANOTHER ONE OPENS!

**A**LL of us at Boverton Garden Centre were sad to lock up our shop in Boverton yesterday for the last time. After 10 years and 11 months of lovely, loyal customers and being part of a close-knit community, we have decided to move back to our Barry premises.

We have thought long and hard with regards to this decision,

but due to rising costs, John's retirement (for sure this time!), Ceri's new addition, Toby Ray – along with the opportunity to offer the long standing, excellent staff from Boverton shop jobs in our Barry shop, we felt it was the right time.

We will still be delivering in the Llantwit Major and St

Athan area on a Tuesday and Thursday; the delivery charge will remain at £2, but with a minimum order of £10.

We are very passionate about being part of the local communities and are, therefore, starting a new venture – a mobile gardening shop.

We will be calling at various villages, offering a selection of

plants, seasonal garden goods, plant feeds, bug killers, etc, along with wild bird feeds.

We would like to thank our customers at both the Boverton and Barry shops for being such loyal customers; we very much appreciate it.

Here's looking forward to a 'happy, busy gardening spring.'

## Broad Street Garden Centre Mobile Garden Shop Starting 13th March

### Route Of Mobile Shop

#### TUESDAY

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1.30-3pm Boverton Castle, Boverton  
3.30-4pm Castleton Caravan Park, St Athan

#### WEDNESDAY

10-11am TO BE ADVISED  
11.30-1pm Fontygary Inn, Rhoose  
1.30-2.30pm Six Bells, Penmark  
3-4pm TO BE ADVISED

#### THURSDAY

10-11pm Fox and Hounds, Llancarfan  
11.30-12.30pm Red Lion, Bonvilston  
1-2pm Red Lion, Pendoylan  
2.30-4pm Three Horseshoes, Peterston-super-Ely

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**We will be looking to do the above routes on a weekly basis.**

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# In Business Update



## SERVICE CENTRE IS AT THE VERY HEART OF BUSINESS IN THE VALE



PICTURED, above are:  
Russ Grant, Emma Smith, Alun Richards  
and Katharine Cheshire.

**THE Business Service Centre (BSC) is located in the heart of the Innovation Quarter on Barry Waterfront.**

The council's flagship building opened in 2006, offering small and large office and workshop accommodation to the SME market of the Vale.

The BSC is currently 100 per cent let and is home to a range of local businesses. The business sectors represented vary from Information and Technology to the creative industries of graphic design and film and television props, to health and wellbeing and data collection and analysis and market research.

The council prides itself on low cost, easy-in, easy-out lease terms which appeal to the local business market.

The building is managed by the council's business support team, led by Emma Smith, principal officer for economic development.

Two senior economic development officers work with Emma. Geoff Gay is the workshops manager and Russ Grant offers general business support and covers inward investment projects and employment land management.

The team also strategically manages the four principal town centres in the Vale – Barry, Cowbridge, Penarth and Llantwit Major.

A full time in-house

business adviser is also on hand, offering step-by-step advice and support for new business start ups. The BSC is the Vale's hub of business support.

The Welsh Government uses the building frequently to assist its business clients and holds its regeneration board meetings within the BSC's well-equipped conference space.

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The BSC has ample car parking spaces, as well as a dedicated service road giving priority to the workshop tenants and their deliveries.

In addition to the BSC, the council has a portfolio of office space at the Vale Enterprise Centre in Sully.

The size of offices and workshops range from 10m<sup>2</sup> to 132m<sup>2</sup> and offers a range of options for tenant busi-

nesses.

The Vale Enterprise Centre has been in council management since the late 1980s and the council has shown its continued commitment to offering these facilities to the local market by agreeing a long term lease with the site's owners, Momentive Chemicals.

The council is currently offering significant introductory discounts to new tenants at the Vale Enterprise Centre.

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**• If you are considering starting up a business, or are an existing business, please get in touch with Geoff Gay to discuss your business requirements on 01446 704857, or email [invest@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:invest@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) for full information about BSC.**

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## Time to remember Barry's pioneering woman MP

**DOROTHY REES who, in 1950 became Barry's first and thus far only woman MP, was born in the 1920s, the daughter of a docker.**

Educational opportunities for working class boys and girls were restricted at the time but she grasped what opportunities were available and went to the local girls' grammar school and to Barry Women's Teacher Training College.

After her marriage, she had to give up her teaching post, as was the law at the time, but used her education to become involved in politics.

She became a member and eventually a Freeman of Barry Town Council, Alderman of Glamorgan Council and a member of the Welsh Joint Education Committee, where she worked tirelessly to improve educational opportunities.

She believed that girls did better in segregated schools and she fought to keep the girls' grammar school in Barry separate. As an MP, her two major interests were housing and education.

Her maiden speech in the House of Commons was about promoting affordable housing for everyone.

She wanted all housing to have well-equipped kitchens and bathrooms to improve people's lives and health. For her, equality meant a decent place to live in and the opportunity to have a good education.

Although many people believe in this, we are still a very long way from achieving it for all.

As International Women's Day approaches again, it is time to take stock of how much has actually improved throughout the world for women.

The sad thing is that although in many west-

ern countries, women now have a much better status and more opportunities to use their skills, life is still very difficult for those in the lowest socio-economic groups.

As long as we are in the current financial climate, their lot will not improve much.

If we look at the third world, however, the plight of women is dire, and worst of all with civil wars taking place throughout Africa and the Middle East. Women have become one of the major weapons of war.

Violence and rape against women have become usual. Rape is cheaper than guns to savage and humiliate both men and women.

This year, we commemorate the life of Dorothy Rees with a lunch and speaker.

We have the privilege of listening to Lucy Dickinson who set up the SAFE Foundation.

This charity, which began in the Vale, seeks to work with small communities in the third world on projects which aim to make a difference, which then can share their expertise with other small communities.

The foundation also encourages young people from south Wales to join them in their work abroad, giving them training and skills.

At a time when it is not easy to be positive about the world Lucy, with her drive and enthusiasm, is refreshing and we look forward to her presentation.

The 11th Dorothy Rees Memorial Lunch will be held on Saturday, March 24, in St Andrews Golf Club, Argae Lane, Barry, at 12 noon.

Tickets, price £15, can be obtained by calling Gwyneth on 01446 794 554.

**MARGARET ALEXANDER,**  
(Secretary, Dorothy Rees Committee)

## Ward surgery

**LABOUR councillors for Castletand ward Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 3, 10:30am to 12pm in the Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.**

Residents are asked to note the change of location for the surgery. No appointment is necessary, if you need advice, but can't attend the surgery, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116, or 01446 402 220.

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## NEWS FROM PENARTH &amp; DISTRICT RAMBLERS

## From industrial Barry to heart of rural Vale

**ON a lovely crisp dry winter morning, six walkers joined their leader William at the Barry Waterfront for a part urban, part rural walk with a historical theme.**

During the mid 1800s, Barry was still a village, but with the sudden growth in the coal industry, Cardiff Docks could no longer cope.

A new dock was needed and, after the initial rejection of the Barry Dock Bill on November 14, 1884, the first foundations for Barry Docks began.

In 1900, the impressive head office opened, with its brick and Portland stone dressing and domed clock tower.

Outside still stands the statue of David Davies, who with other coal owners, founded the very successful Barry Dock and Railway Company.

The actual construction of the docks and railway was completed by Thomas Andrew Walker, a very clever civil engineer who worked abroad and in Britain to also create the Severn Tunnel and the Manchester Ship Canal.

Leaving Port Road, they began the rural part of the walk by crossing open fields that led them to New Wallace Farm, and down through the glorious Goldsland valley, to skirt the end of the woods and make their way to St Lythans burial chamber, for morning coffee in bright sunshine.

Legend says that any wish

whispered to the stones at Halloween is granted, and the capstone is said to spin three times on midsummer's eve when the stones go bathing in the river.

Joining the lane, the group made their way towards Dyffryn House which originally dates back to 640AD when it was known as the Manor of Worlton.

During the 16th century, the manor was rented to the Button family, who remained there for several generations and who produced Admiral Thomas Button, the first navigator to reach the coast of America via the Hudson Straits.

After being sold, Thomas Pryce the new owner built a Georgian manor house and the estate was renamed Dyffryn. Before passing under the control of the Vale Council, the estate was owned by the renowned Cory and Traherne families.

Continuing up the lane, the group re-entered fields and reached the impressive Tinkinswood where the capstone is the largest in Britain and weighs a staggering 50 tons or more.

It was excavated in 1914 and the remains of around 50 humans were discovered. The stone-sided pit to the side of the chamber may also have been used as part of the burial process.

There is a myth that relates to a group of stones just south of the chamber, which are believed to be women turned to stone for dancing on the Sabbath.

Fields led the group to the lane at Dyffryn and heading up

through Dyffryn Mill, now a privately-owned dwelling, the group made their way to two of the six lovely fishing lakes that form Dyffryn Springs and stopped on the bank for lunch.

Once more refreshed, a muddy path through Old Wallace Farm, more fields and two bridges led the group to the ancient track, which passed the remains of the medieval church at Highlight.

Emerging back into the town, they re-joined Colcot Road and, descending through College Road, made their way back to the Waterfront by way of the Gladstone Bridge.

**On March 3**, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre, for a six-mile moderate walk at Sugar Loaf Mountain; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

**On March 4**, meet at 9.30am at Cogan, for a six-mile moderate walk at Penhow; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

*Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.*

Forthcoming walks can be accessed by logging onto [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com/walks](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com/walks)

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

## A single woman in Iran

**THE speaker at our last meeting, Mrs Janice Proctor, stood before us in the sort of clothes she was required to wear 18 months ago on an Iranian holiday. She did not look comfortable.**

She had long wanted to visit ancient sites in old Persia, but found that clothing and other restrictions meant a modern female visitor had to "jump through hoops" before permission to visit Iran was granted.

Only the face could be seen while walking in Iran, and even bare toes in sandals were forbidden, although Janice informed us that this stricture has since been lifted.

Mrs Proctor's family were rather shocked at the thought of her travelling in the East on her own, albeit under the auspices of a specialist travel company.

In the event, she found herself in no danger and the Iranian peo-

ple went out of their way to welcome her and stated over and over again that they wanted nothing but peace with western counties.

It impressed Janice very much to meet such friendliness, and although she would see many historical wonders in Iran, the one thing she would always remember after her visit would be the impression the people, with their friendliness, would make on her.

Among the physical wonders she saw were the great mosques and palaces of this ancient empire, together with the Peacock Throne, the Crown Jewels, the wonderful Persian Gardens and their sparkling fountains hazy in the heat, and the prophet Daniel's Tomb.

She will never forget being shown the law of the Meades and the Persians which "Shall

charge and protect. With no brother available an uncle must undertake this task and so on.

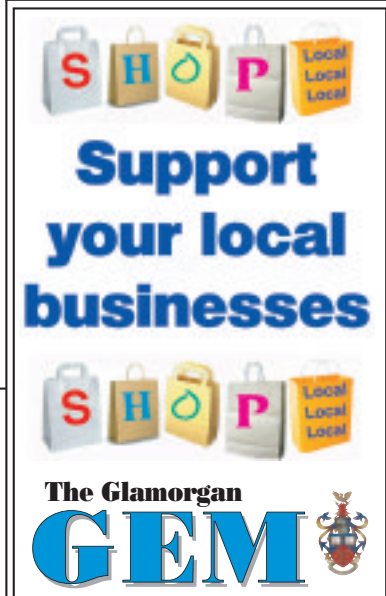
At the meeting today (March 1) Phil Knight is speaking speaking on "The Merthyr Riots".

Meetings are held at 10.30am on Thursdays in the hall of the United Reformed Church in Barry.

New members are very welcome. For further details, contact 02920 594881.

MAC TANNER

### BARRY MEN'S FORUM NEWS



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### Musical evening

**LLANTWIT MAJOR'S Bethel Baptist Church opens its doors again after its last successful musical evening on Friday, March 9 at 7pm.**

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## CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

### More than meets the eye!



Louise and Gerrard of BeeSpoke Cycles (AKA the Bike Doctor), Palmerston Workshops – the shop officially opens on March 3.

## Help Beespoke cycles celebrate!

**BEE SPOKE Cycles** will be launched at Palmerston Workshops on Saturday, March 3 by Gerrard Davies, Louise Edwards and Liam Murphy.

Gerrard is known as 'The Bike Doctor' in Barry.

They will be selling a range of new bikes for both adults and children – along with the popular range of new scooters and skateboards.

This family-run business is also involved in the Bike-To-Work cycle scheme.

Beespoke Cycles is the first dedicated bike shop in Barry for 15 years, so help them to celebrate!

Everyone is welcome to the open day this Saturday, March 3, for refreshments and nibbles; there is 10 per cent off on the opening day.

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given.

Louise explained; "We are a new business and will be selling bicycles for all ages, skateboards, scooters and accessories, as well as a service and repair workshop."

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## CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY INDUSTRIAL ESTATES More than meets the eye!



Baker's Baguettes – serving people in the local area.

### Vital part of the economy

IN the preceding pages, a number of local businesses are featured providing a huge range of services to the Vale economy.

In recent weeks, there has been a national debate on how we can preserve the 'high street' for future generations, but other less visible commercial sectors need their publicity too.

In the Vale, trading estates host an array of businesses from food suppliers and uPVC manufacturers, to industrial removal specialists and bicycle suppliers.

Once, on a trip from the Italian coast into Rome, I noticed that there was no planning scheme separating housing and commercial units.

There would be a few houses, then a factory unit of some sort, then more houses, and another manufacturing concern – all along the same road.

It gave the businesses visibility, but the mixture of houses and units looked haphazard.

In Wales, we do things differently. To keep everything tidier we tend to keep businesses in one area and housing in another.

But because businesses are put in one particular spot, we can sometimes be unaware of what is on our doorstep.

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So keep an eye out for what's on your doorstep – there may be a service that could make your life that much easier. **TRC**

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## Premiere prydeinig o waith newydd Karl Jenkins yn goron ar cyngerddau'r Eisteddfod

**BYDD Karl Jenkins yn arwain y Premiere Prydeinig o'i waith diweddaraf, Beirdd Cymru, ar lwyfan y Pafiliwn, fel rhan o arlwy cyngerddau Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg, a gyhoeddi heddiw (28 Chwefror).**

Cafodd manylion y cyngerddau eu cyhoeddi wrth i'r Eisteddfod fynd ar daith o amgylch Bro Morgannwg i hybu a hyrwyddo'r Brifwyl a gynhelir ar hen faes awyr Llandw ger y Bontfaen a Llanilltud Fawr o 4-11 Awst eleni.

Meddai Hywel Wyn Edwards, Trefnydd yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, "Rydym wedi creu nosweithiau ychydig yn wahanol i'r arfer eleni, ac rwy'n gobeithio y bydd yr arlwy'n apelio at Eisteddfodwyr selog, yn ogystal â phobl sydd heb fentro i'r Pafiliwn o'r blaen. Mae'r amrywiaeth eleni yn hynod o helaeth, gyda phob math o berfformwyr ac artistiaid yn ymddangos ar lwyfan yr Eisteddfod i'ch diddanu.

"Braf yw croesawu rhai o berfformwyr amlycaf Cymru'n ôl atom, a braf hefyd yw gweld cynifer o wynebau newydd – ond yr un mor gyfarwydd mewn goriogedd – yn ymddangos yn y Pafiliwn gyda ni eleni yn y Fro. Rydym yn gobeithio bod rhywbeith i bopeth gyda'r nos yn yr Eisteddfod eleni, ac edrychwn ymlaen i'ch noson hon yn gyflwr i'ch ychydig yn Llandw ymhen ychydig dros bum mis."

Dewch i fwyhau yn ymddangos yn y cyngerdd agoriadol, nos Wener 3 Awst, gydag Only Boys Aloud – y côr amryddawn a grëwyd ar gyfer cyngerdd agoriadol yr Eisteddfod yn 2010, yn dychwelyd i'w cartref gwreiddiol ar lwyfan y Pafiliwn.

Y prif berfformiad ynghyngerd nos Sadwrn 4 Awst yw'r Premiere Prydeinig o waith Karl Jenkins, Beirdd Cymru, gyda'r cyfansoddwr ei hun yn arwain. Perfformiwyd y gwaith hwn am y tro cyntaf yn Hwngari yn 2011, a chyfieithwyd y geiriau i'r Gymraeg gan y Prifardd Twm Morys. Bydd cyfle hefyd i fwyhau dau o unawdwy'r enwocaf ein cyfnod, Dennis O'Neill a Rebecca Evans, ynghyd â Chôr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg.

Cynhelir y Gymanfa Ganu yn y Pafiliwn nos

Sul. Gwledd o ganu cynulleidfaoel dan arweiniad profiadol Euros Rhys Evans, gyda Robert Nicholls wrth yr organ. Cefnogir y Gymanfa gan Eglwys Annibynnol Gymraeg Radnor Walk, Chelsea, Llundain.

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Cawn deithio drwy ddegawdau Dafydd a'r band yng nghwmni'r dyn ei hun a'i westeion, gan gynnwys Ar Log, Heather Jones, Côr Plant Heol-y-March ac Edward Morus Jones. Bydd Greta a Miriam Isaac o Fro Morgannwg hefyd yn perfformio ar y noson.

Bydd nos Fawrth yn noson wahanol iawn i'r arfer ar lwyfan y Pafiliwn, pan fyddwn yn cynnal Gala Gomedï am y tro cyntaf yn yr Eisteddfod. Dewch i fwyhau rhai o ddi-grifwyr a pherfformwyr comedi gorau Cymru, gan gynnwys Tudur Owen, Arthur Picton, Daniel Glyn, Gary Slaymaker, Ifan Gruffudd a Dewi Pws, mewn noson o sgetsys a stand-up. Bydd y noson hon yn addas i bawb dros 14 oed.

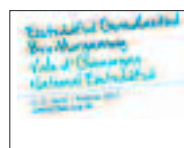
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**SIONED EDWARDS UK premiere of Karl Jenkins' new work will headline Eisteddfod concerts line-up...**

**KARL Jenkins will conduct the UK premiere of his latest work, Beirdd Cymru (Poets of Wales), on the Pavilion stage, as part of the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod concerts line-up.**

Details of the concerts were announced on Tuesday as the Eisteddfod team travelled around the Vale promoting and publicising the festival, held at the old airfield in Llandow near Cowbridge and Llantwit Major from August 4-11 this year.

Eisteddfod organiser, Hywel Wyn Edwards, said: "This year's evenings are slightly different to the usual concert line-ups we've had over recent years, and I hope that they will appeal to our regular concert goers as well as bringing a new audience into the Pavilion for the evening events. We have a vast array of talents appearing at this year's festival, and we hope the evenings offer something for everyone.

"We are delighted to welcome some of Wales' best loved performers back to the festival, and we are also pleased to see so many new faces – although just as well-known – appearing in the Pavilion this year in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"There is just over five months to go before the festival starts and we hope to welcome thousands of visitors to Llandow for a glorious week of entertainment and enjoyment."

Join us to enjoy Only Men Aloud at the opening concert on Friday 3 August, with Only Boys Aloud – the talented



ABOVE:

**Soloist Rebecca Evans will join the 200-strong Eisteddfod Choir for the Karl Jenkins concert.**

youth choir created for the opening concert at the 2010 Eisteddfod – returning to their original home on the Pavilion stage.

The main work in the Saturday evening concert is the UK Premiere of Karl Jenkins' Beirdd Cymru (Bards of Wales) with the composer himself conducting.

The work was first performed in Hungary in 2011, and the words were translated into Welsh by Twm Morys.

Two of the greatest soloists of our time, Dennis O'Neill and Rebecca Evans, will also join the 200-strong Eisteddfod Choir.

The Cymanfa Ganu (congregational singing festival) is held in the Pavilion on Sunday.

The festival will be led by experienced conductor Euros Rhys Evans, with Robert Nicholls on the organ.

The evening is supported by the Radnor Walk Welsh Congregational Church, Chelsea, London.

Book your ticket to see one of Wales' greatest performers on the Pavilion stage, as Dafydd Iwan celebrates fifty years entertaining audiences across Wales on Monday evening. Join him and his guests, including Heather Jones, Côr Plant Heol-y-March and Edward Morus Jones and Miriam Isaac.

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Wednesday and Friday evening sees competing on the Pavilion stage, with youth competitions on Wednesday and choral competitions on Friday.

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Location/Lleoliad: Vale of Glamorgan Inn, 53, High Street, Cowbridge  
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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00110/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Interior and exterior alterations, including replacement of windows to front and rear elevations, replacement front door and installation of new galleried staircase, fitted kitchen and toilets.  
Location/Lleoliad: The Three Tuns, St Nicholas  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00111/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of communications equipment  
Location/Lleoliad: Library, Kings Square, Barry  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00113/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Roof repairs  
Location/Lleoliad: The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00123/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Addition of external insulation and new render  
Location/Lleoliad: 3, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00159/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacement of rain water goods  
Location/Lleoliad: Dock Offices, Subway Road, Barry Docks  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II\*

#### Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00103/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of a 22.8m x 60.9 metre steel portal frame multi purpose farm building  
Location/Lleoliad: Sealands Farm, St. Brides Major

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00136/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Change of use to allow for recycling of inert materials brought to the site  
Location/Lleoliad: Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor, Llanharry

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00137/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Residential development comprising the erection of eight dwellings, seventeen car parking spaces, landscaping and ancillary works  
Location/Lleoliad: Land off Dinas Road, Caversham Park, Penarth

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00146/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Processing of existing stockpiles and loose material with crushing and screening machinery and removal from site  
Location/Lleoliad: Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor

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Location/Lleoliad: Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at [vog.planning-register.co.uk](http://vog.planning-register.co.uk).

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Dated: 1st March, 2012  
Rob Thomas  
Head of Planning and Transportation  
The Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
Dock Office,  
Barry Docks,  
Barry.  
CF63 4RT

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## City (and Wales) can take pride in Wembley defeat

**I**T was yet another near miss in the history of Cardiff City Football Club, but one that everyone can take immense pride from after a tantalisingly close penalty shootout defeat to Liverpool in the Carling Cup Final at Wembley.

After Tom Heaton had denied Steven Gerrard and Charlie Adam had blazed over; Don Cowie had Cardiff one to the good after Kenny Miller had hit the post with their first spot kick. Dirk Kuyt leveled for the Reds as Rudy Gestege also hit the post, before Stewart Downing and Peter Whittingham made it 2-2 going in to the final round of kicks.

Glen Johnson emphatically dispatched Liverpool's fifth, and Steven's cousin Anthony stepped up for Cardiff with all the pressure on his shoulders, and put his penalty wide of the mark.

It was a cruel end to a day in which Cardiff had conducted themselves way beyond expectation.

After having the better of the early

by LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

running they took the lead when Miller played in Joe Mason who finished well below the onrushing Pepe Reina.

Despite one Johnson effort that crashed against the bar in the opening two minutes Liverpool were struggling to test Heaton with Gerrard, Downing and Adam in particular wasting some long-range efforts.

Miller had a good chance to double the lead just after half time but scuffed wide of Reina's goal when well-placed, and they were ruing that miss on the hour when Martin Skrtel reacted quickest to a Luis Suarez header which hit the post to level through Heaton's legs.

But Cardiff refused to give in, and could have won it in normal time had Miller been able to keep his effort down from six yards having run on to Gestege's knock down.

When Kuyt gave Liverpool the lead in

extra time many thought it was game over.

But, again, Cardiff refused to give in and after one delightful Whittingham corner saw Kuyt clear off the Liverpool goal-line, the resulting corner dropped to Ben Turner who prodded home to send the blue half of Wembley in to raptures.

The final moments were tense, and ultimately heartbreaking for the Bluebirds faithful as Kenny Dalglish's side ended Liverpool's six-year trophy drought. But Malky Mackay and his team can hold their heads high after a fine performance as they begin to prepare for next Sunday's crunch Championship showdown with table-toppers West Ham United.

The mood among the fans was understandably mixed on the long journey home. While there was dejection at another 'almost' moment, and plenty of 'ifs and buts' to ponder, the feeling of immense pride at what they had just witnessed outweighed them, and most will be quietly happy with the positive vibe currently surrounding the club.

## Sully Sailing Club getting youngsters on to the water

### Community Chest gives watersport clubs a boost



Members of Barry Youth Watersports with Sully Sailing Club Commodore Steve Marshall and some of the equipment purchased via Community Chest grants.

**SULLY Sailing Club is celebrating receiving some grants from the Community Chest scheme that has enabled the club to put on a host of activity events to get Sully's youngsters out on the water.**

Barry Youth Watersports chief executive, Nigel Vick, said: "We are very excited at the prospect of being able to sail from Sully. "Community Chest has enabled us to buy the

necessary safety equipment and with the equipment Sully we should be able to get many more young people afloat to enjoy sailing."

The club has also been able to expand its fleet of club boats which now includes Laser Radials, Toppers, Enterprise and Topaz.

If you have a young person who would like to sail with Barry Youth Watersports they can contact Nigel Vick on 07812 930 001 or e-mail [barryywsports@gmail.com](mailto:barryywsports@gmail.com).

## Harsh lesson for Barry under-14s

**WITH a number of key players preparing for a school skiing trip, Barry under-14s called on all squad members to step up to the plate and take on a side that has an established track record with a number of district players in their ranks.**

An encouraging start saw Barry dominate up front and able to take on the heavier Cardiff boys in terms of skill and fitness.

Tom Winter was rewarded with the final try of the half which also saw Callum Mickelsen cross the white-wash twice in response to Llandaff's early tries.

With a single conversion separating the sides, Barry went to the interval leading 17-15.

In the second half, following a dozen phases of play, in which the

whole Barry team were involved, James Jones at outside-half finally crossed the line for a well deserved try under the posts.

With a nine-point cushion the game looked pretty secure, but Barry failed to nail the lead to secure the all important 'W' and as a result suffered the consequences.

The Barry defence couldn't repel Llandaff's effective attacks resulting in a final score of 24-49.

With a full squad available for the remainder of this year's fixtures, the squad will put this defeat behind them and no doubt look to finishing this season on a more positive note.

If you are an experienced rugby player and are looking to join Barry RFC, contact Ioan Evans on 07764256428.

## County gymnastics win for St Cyres

**THE St Cyres under-13 gymnastics team competed in the Cardiff and the Vale Schools gymnastics competition at the Welsh Institute of Sport.**

The team consisted of Bethan Salter, Emily Hobbs, Sasha Winton and Emma Hole.

All of the team performed well, with Emily Hobbs qualifying for the individual finals. They performed a set vault, voluntary vault and two tumbling routines.

Despite the tough competition, the team were crowned county champions.

All the girls are dedicated gymnasts who train very hard throughout the year and this was a welcome reward for all their efforts.

Charlotte Hobbs and Amie Smith also competed well in the under-16 age group. Our thanks go to the organisers for a great competition.

## Cowbridge RFC back in action

**COWBRIDGE First XV return to league action on Saturday with an away game at Cwmgrach, kick off 2:30pm.**

With the Ogmere Vale game called off, Cowbridge last played five weeks ago. Each of the final seven games is vitally important if Cowbridge want to maintain their challenge towards the top of the table; on March 24 Tonna are the visitors to the Athletic Field.

The youth are also in action on Saturday at home to Fairwater.

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Trophy success for the Lifeguards

## RHOOSE LIFE GUARDS MASTER WELSH STILLWATER EVENT

**THE** Wales International Pool in Swansea recently hosted the Welsh youth, senior and masters stillwater competition, an important part of the Surf Life Saving Wales calendar, and a real test of winter training.

Fifteen teams from Wales and England took part, including lifeguard and swimming clubs. Rhooose Lifeguards were there to represent the Vale, achieving third place overall with a relatively small but talented team.

The youth team, with just 13 competitors, came seventh in their category. Special congratulations go to Emily Baker and Georgia Wall who took gold in the

under-14 rope throw by a significant margin.

The under-16 girls medley relay of team Katherine Gardner, Lauren Blake, Kirby Redrup and Tayla Edgerton also secured an impressive gold medal.

The seniors, with only two competitors, managed an amazing fifth place, and were ably supported in relay events by the juniors and masters.

Last but not least, a huge well done to the masters team, who were overall winners for the first time, putting in some brilliant performances along the way to boost the medal haul. They were awarded a massive 17 medals in total, with individual golds going to Karen O'Donoghue-Harris in the mannikin tow and

mannikin carry with fins, while Sarah Bryant and Liz Wong also took gold in the rope throw event.

It was particularly pleasing to see newcomers to the stillwater competitions also coming away with medals. The team now hold the title of Welsh Masters Stillwater Champions.

This follows a fantastic performance in the Ocean competition last year and indicates the strength and commitment of the masters team. It should give them great confidence going into the Great British championship on April 14, which will be held even closer to home at Cardiff International Pool.

The nipper, youth and senior sections get their chance to shine on the GB stage the following

weekend.

Many thanks to all those who helped out, especially Lee (team manager), Elaine and Danni for timekeeping most of the weekend and to Andy, Jake and Colin for officiating.

The Welsh nipper stillwaters take place on March 25, and after a busy winter of training, and with so much enthusiasm and talent evident throughout the nippers, we are sure they will have a successful competition, and an enjoyable time.

Youth team: Rhys

Perry, Charles Grandfield, Alice Lewis, Sean Giddings, Kathryn Gardner, Lauren Blake, Chad Bremner, Tayla Edgerton, Kirby Redrup, Georgia Wall, Finn Rees, Kelsea Peterson, Emily Baker.

Senior team: Simon Perry; Katherine Worth.

Masters: Michelle Wall, Suzanne Blake, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Liz Wong, Sarah Bryant, Heddis Davies, Jon Foster, Paul Gardner, Lee Perry, Steve Baker, Dominic Lee, Simon Parker.

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## Under-7s in double action

**BARRY** under-7s travelled to Llandaff with bright sunshine ensuring a large crowd of spectators.

With a great turn out of players both sides were able to field two teams and run matches in tandem.

Game one saw the Mini Bombers take a half time lead of 5-3. Llandaff never fully recovered and Barry ran out winners 10-7 with some excellent tries from Flynn Baker and Taran Surringer.

At the same time, on the adjacent pitch, the Mini Bombers found the half time scoreline reversed with their Cardiff opponents leading 5-3.

However, Barry dug

deep and two hat-tricks from Jaydn Rowley and Cristian Parry, who was also solid in defence, saw them gain a well earned and deserved 9-9 draw.

The sides then changed around to take part in another two matches, which produced an emphatic 11-8 win and a narrow 8-6 loss for Barry, with Jaydn Rowley rounding off another try with a swallow dive from the television rather than the training paddock to the delight of the crowd.

Another four great team performances, great individual performances and results that build on previous weeks continue the progression of these young Mini Bombers.

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## Atoms' tough away trip

**BARRY** Atoms travelled away to Llandaff for a very tough fixture and the home side did not disappoint!

Very early pressure was piled on by Llandaff, and Atoms showed some staunch defending. Unfortunately they could not stem the tide and were breached twice in the first half.

Llandaff started the second half with two unanswered tries, and this stung the Atoms into life, a great team effort culminating in a D.Griffiths try.

As hard as they tried Llandaff were straight back with another try then Griffiths scored again after more good team play.

This was not to be their game, however, as Llandaff scored another two tries, with a consolation score coming through R.Rendell. Final score

Llandaff 7, Atoms 3.

**GAME 2**

After some stinging words the Atoms came out and showed what they were really made of, and played some lovely rugby.

Z. Ffield and J.Jones scored with D.Griffiths (man of the match) grabbing another two tries, finishing the first half.

Never has the term 'a game of two halves' been truer, as Llandaff scored four tries, the game finishing 4-4.

Squad: T.Pugh, M. Boffy, J.Jones, J. Couch, R.Rendell, J.Parry, C.Denbury, E.Galsworthy, Z.Ffield, D.Griffiths, F.Samad, F.Giosanu, J.Williams, D.Wall G. Mitchem, J.Pickup, O.Smith.

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# Hard-fought win for Dinas

**A CHRIS** Hinam goal won this game for Dinas, who overcame the physical approach of the home side and deserved this win with goalkeeper Damien Lack hard-ly having to make a save.

The visitors almost got off to the perfect start when Adam Raymond won the ball in midfield and fed Steffan Davies on the edge of the area, but a defender just got a foot in to deflect the ball clear.

Rangers had the bulk of possession for the next ten minutes without really creating any clear chances and it was Matthew Trotman who came closest to breaking the deadlock when, following a Dinas throw, his twenty-yard effort was deflected onto the crossbar, rebounding to Liam Jeremy whose effort was cleared.

Rangers' Craig Kavanagh shot wide when well placed before Adam Raymond gave Gareth Tedstone a chance in the area, but home goalie Ashley Hart got a hand to his effort, conceding an unproductive corner.

Dinas were creating the better chances and made the breakthrough five minutes

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**DINAS POWYS FC** 1

before half-time. Trotman's corner found its way back to him and this time he found Hinam powering in at the far post to head in from close range to give the visitors the edge at half-time.

Four minutes into the second half Rangers' Anthony Southard made a good break into the area and powered in a shot almost from the byeline, but his effort just cleared the crossbar.

Neat play in midfield by Dinas gave Richard Yarr the space to find Davies but Hart in the home goal saved at the expense of a corner.

Trotman had a couple more shooting opportunities before his free-kick found Davies in the area, whose powerful header was well saved by the goalie.

Davies again brought a good save from Rangers' goalkeeper Hart, who had had a good second half after looking a little vulnerable in the first.

The visitors comfortably saw out the remainder of the game to give them the win they deserved that pushed them up to fifth place in the table.

Squad: D. Lack, S. Provis, C. Hinam(c)(1), M. Lewis, D. Penikett, A. Raymond, M. Trotman, R. Yarr, S. Davies, G. Tedstone, L. Jeremy. Subs: K. Harman, J. Phillips, R. Fowler, W. Penikett, M. Dunford.

**THE** Tuesday before, Dinas gained a 1-1 draw at Taffs Well in a friendly.

Jordan Phillips scored the Dinas goal before the home side levelled before half-time.

In the second half manager Mark

Dunford introduced a number of trialists and youth players and Dinas came under increasing pressure, but goalkeeper Damien Lack was in outstanding form, saving a penalty and making a number of spectacular saves to keep the scoreline level.

Next game: Welsh League Division Two; Saturday March 3, Dinas Powys v Newcastle Emlyn, kick off 2.30pm.

For further information visit: [www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk](http://www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk)

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## Seaview Lads begin new year's fishing

**COD** have been a welcome sight during the opening competitions fished in 2012.

It has also been good to see some old faces rejoin the fold and do well, putting pressure on with the usual suspects.

February is notoriously a poor month, with the winter species leaving for colder

climes while the ambient temperatures are too cool for the summer species.

Having said that, the odd rays are still being caught, dogs are not far to the west and the coming weeks should promise more species coming inshore. Roll on spring!

**Sunday, February 19 results:** First, Colin McNery, 06lb 06oz, cod 2-6, whiting x 3; Second, Richard Bond, 05lb 00oz, cod 3-9,

whiting x 2; Third, Steve Hinder, 01lb 15oz, slugs x 2; Fourth, 01lb 06oz, rockling x 3 all different species; Fifth, Gary Morgan, 13oz, conger; Sixth, Mark Hillberg, 13oz pouting; Fifth, Paul Coles, 13oz slug; Nominated species, Colin McNery, cod.

**Sunday, February 12 results:** First, Kev Gardner, 06lb 13oz, cod x 2; Second, Mike Kerslake, 03lb 09oz, cod, rockling x 2; Third, Kevin Sallah, 01lb 03oz, slug; Fourth, Steve Davies, 01lb 02oz, slug; Nominated species, Kevin Sallah, slug.

**Sunday, February 5**

**results:** First, Gary Morgan, 15lb 07oz, cod 2-4, 3B/Rocking 1-4; Second, Lougher, 3lb 03oz, cod; Third, Richard Bond, 1lb 02oz, 3B/rockling; Fourth, Roger Green, 1lb 00oz 3B/rockling x 2; Fifth, Paul Coles, 12oz, whiting; Nominated species, Gary Morgan, rockling - Gary also lost other good fish.

**Sunday, January 29**

**results:** First, Lougher, 4lb 4oz, conger, pout, LSD, 3B rockling; Second, Jody Velda, 4lb 1oz, cod 2-12, 3B rockling, pout; Third, Rob, 3lb 14oz, conger, whiting, pout, P/cod; Fourth, Mike Kerslake, 3lb 12oz, cod 2-5, whiting; Fifth, Steve Doble, 2lb 11oz, pout 1-1, 3B rockling; Sixth, Roy Harding, 2lb 2oz, pout, LSD.

**Friday, January 27 results:** First, Mike Kerslake, 2lb 14oz, LSDs; Second, Keith James, 8oz, shore rockling; Third, Lougher, 6oz, whiting.

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## Cadoxton Imps set to celebrate their 40th anniversary

**CADOXTON IMPS AFC** are celebrating 40 years since the club was first founded by Graham Harris back in 1972 this year.

Graham had actually started a team the previous year under the name of Buttrills Rovers, but for the 1972/3 season, Cadoxton Conservative Club provided shirt sponsorship for the team of 10-year-olds and the name was changed. Cadoxton Imps AFC was born!

To celebrate this great achievement, the club are organising a series of events throughout the year.

The first is a 40 year reunion party being held at the club's spiritual home of Cadoxton Conservative Club, Vere Street, Cadoxton on Friday April 6.

The 'King of Swing', Darren Thomas Tyson, will provide the entertainment and the disco.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £3 per person, available from the contacts below or from any Imps manager or committee member.

Anyone with connections to the club, however remote and from whatever era, are most welcome to come along to see some old faces and meet some new ones.

On Monday May 7, the club is holding its annual mini and junior five-a-side May Day football festival in the grounds of Barry Comprehensive School, Port Road, Barry.

Participation will be by invite only and details will be sent to relevant club secretaries in due course. The Imps

annual May Day tournament was first started 15 years ago as part of the club's 25th anniversary celebrations and has been held annually ever since with support from the McDonald's Restaurant, Barry (franchisee Huw Thomas).

On Sunday May 27, the club are holding a past and present seniors five-a-side football tournament at the Gol Centre in Leckwith, playing for the Eddie Mallett Trophy in honour of our legendary club treasurer/secretary/manager/supporter for more than 30 years, who sadly passed away in 2007.

This tournament is for current and past senior players, so please let us know via the contact details below if you would like to register a team.

In October, the club will be holding a 40th anniversary ball. The date and venue are not yet finalised but the black tie event will comprise a dinner and dance with live entertainment and a disco.

The club's first official match took place on Saturday, October 7, 1972, and so the event is likely to be arranged for Saturday October 6, being as near as possible to the exact date.

To register interest in any of these events telephone chairman Martin Pursall on 07733 318093 or email [mpursall@berrysmith.com](mailto:mpursall@berrysmith.com). Alternatively visit the website [www.cadoxtonimps.com](http://www.cadoxtonimps.com) and register interest on the forum.



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**Greenwood Street, Barry - £109,950**  
Well presented traditional two bedroom mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry. Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen & first floor bathroom. GCH & upvc double glazing. Enclosed landscaped rear garden. Off road parking. Walking distance to Barry town main shopping centre, bus route & train station providing links to Cardiff & Bridgend



**Sycamore Crescent, Barry - £174,950**  
Larger than average 3/4 bedroom detached property, set on a generous size plot. Planning permission passed by Vale of Glamorgan to erect three bedroom detached dormer bungalow (expires July 2015). 3/4 reception rooms. Upvc double glazing & GCH



**Windsor Road, Barry - £159,950**  
Well presented traditional four bedroom bay fronted property situated in the West End of Barry. Additional loft room conversion. Lounge through dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room. Upvc double glazing. Gas central heating via newly installed combi boiler



**Enfield Drive, Barry - £164,950**  
Well presented 3 bedroom detached residence located in a cul de sac on the popular Hunters Ridge development, North Barry. Lounge through dining room. Conservatory. Upvc double glazing & gas GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway & garage



**Ivy Cottage, Gileston Village - £285,000**  
Rare to the market place. Immaculately presented two double bedroom detached property. Set on wide plot in semi rural location. Distant sea views. 2 reception areas. Conservatory. Driveway & garage. Potential to extend (subject to planning permission)



**Clos Y Wylan, Barry Island - £227,995**  
3 bedroom semi detached property with panoramic views across Jackson's Bay, Bristol Channel & Somerset coastline. Lounge. Kitchen/breakfast room. Conservatory. GCH. Upvc double glazing. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden



**Porthkerry Road, Barry - £150,000**  
Rare to the market place. 5 bedroom, 3 storey, mid terrace property situated in the West End of Barry. In need of refurbishment. 3 reception rooms. Kitchen. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. far reaching sea views. Walking distance to High Street shops, primary schools & train station



**Pleasant View, Barry - £260,000**  
Rare to the market place. 3 bedroom detached true bungalow. Set in cul de sac situated off Port Road East, North of Barry. 2 reception rooms. Modern kitchen/breakfast room & bathroom. Conservatory. GCH via combi boiler. 2 driveways



**Marine Drive, Barry - £349,000**  
Elevated 3 double bedroom detached property set in popular garden suburbs area, West End Barry. Uninterrupted, far reaching panoramic sea views. 2 reception rooms. Fitted kitchen & utility area. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Driveway & tandem garage



**Wyndham Street, Barry - £49,950**  
1 double bedroom ground floor apartment situated in the heart of Barry. Stone throw from Holton Road shops & bus route. Lounge with views. Upvc double glazing & GCH. Residents parking. Communal garden area. Applicants must be 60 or over



**Kenilworth Road, Barry - £105,950**  
Traditional 2 bedroom bay fronted mid terrace property situated in the east End of Barry. Lounge through dining room. Fitted kitchen with Range cooker to remain. First floor bathroom with jacuzzi style bath. Upvc double glazing & GCH. Enclosed rear garden & forecourt. Walking distance of Barry Road and main street shops



**Esgid Mair, Barry - £229,950**  
4 double bedroom detached property situated on the popular Pencoeit village estate. 2 reception rooms. Modern kitchen/breakfast room. Upvc double glazing. GCH. Low maintenance decked garden. Double driveway & integral garage. Easy access Cardiff/M4



**Orchard Crescent, Dinas Powys - £289,950**  
4 bedroom semi detached property set on a corner plot, situated in a cul de sac location within Dinas Powys. 2 reception rooms. Modern kitchen/breakfast room with granite work surfaces & marble floor. Upvc double glazing & GCH. Garage (presently converted)



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2 bedroom end of link property set on a popular development, situated off Colcot Road. Lounge/diner. Kitchen with built in oven/inset hob. Sun lounge/lean to. Modern 1st floor bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Double gates providing off road parking



**Gelyn Y Cier, Barry - £219,950**  
4 bedroom detached residence situated on the popular Pencoeit village development. 2 reception rooms. Conservatory. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Enclosed South facing rear garden. Double driveway suitable for 2 cars. Garage



**Caer Ffynnon, Barry - £269,950**  
Individually designed detached residence offering versatile accommodation. Self contained unit ideal as granny annex, teenager den or if desired converted back to garage & storage. 2 fitted kitchens. 2 bathrooms. Front, side & rear gardens. Walking distance of The Knap



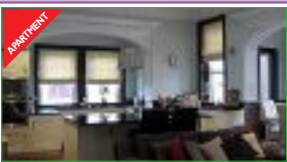
**Mounbatten Road, Barry**  
**Offers in excess of £149,950**  
Well presented modern 3 bedroom semi detached property set on a corner plot situated in North Barry. 2 reception rooms. Garage conversion providing further bedroom, reception room. Newly fitted kitchen & bathroom. Upvc double glazing. Front, side & rear gardens



**Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry - £224,950**  
Extended well presented 5 bedroom semi detached property, situated on the outskirts of Barry. Lounge. Sitting room. Dining room. Conservatory. Kitchen with utility room. Shower room & bathroom. Double garage. Generous enclosed rear garden



**Bron Awelon, Barry - £224,950**  
3 double bedroom semi detached property set in the popular garden suburbs area. 27'8" lounge with patio doors onto garden. Dining room. Conservatory. Fitted solid oak kitchen. Downstairs bathroom & further 1st floor bathroom. GCH. South facing garden



**St Barus House, Barry - £330,000**  
Former school house completely renovated & extended to a high specification throughout. Ground floor apartment. Set in an exclusive gated community with secure video entry. 3 double bedrooms with ensuite to master bedroom. Generous kitchen/family area



**Purdey Close, Barry - £159,950**  
3 bedroom end link property situated on the popular Hunters Ridge development in North Barry. Set in cul-de-sac location. Lounge. Dining room with patio doors opening onto garden patio. GCH. Enclosed low maintenance garden. Parking space & single garage



**Amherst Crescent, Barry Island - £159,950**  
4 bedroom terrace property. Views across Maslin Park towards Barry Island & sea beyond. 2 reception rooms. First floor shower room. Wood effect double glazing. GCH. Front & rear gardens. Outhouses, shed & green house. Walking distance of beaches & cafes



**The Coach House, Cwm Ciddy Barns, Porthkerry, Barry - £579,999**  
Imposing sympathetically converted barn retaining many original features. Tucked away on outskirts of Barry & Porthkerry Country Park. Set on generous size plot with front & rear gardens. 5 bedrooms set over 2 floors



**Tordoff Way, Barry - £159,950**  
3 bedroom semi detached true bungalow situated in the heart of Barry with far reaching sea views. rarely to market. Lounge/diner. Kitchen with negotiable appliances. Upvc double glazing & GCH. Generous rear garden. Close proximity to Barry Town



**Park Road, Barry - £169,000 or £6,000 per annum for shop**  
Shop unit with one bedroom, recently converted maisonette. Presently trading as a convenience store (not being sold as a going concern). Option to lease shop without maisonette. Main retail floor 53m/567ft. Off road parking



**Tynewydd Road, Barry - £285,000**  
Two storey detached investment property. Rental income of £21,000 per annum. Prime location. Entire building approx 140m. Rates payable: approx £7704 per annum (2010/11)



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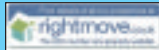


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**NEW**



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**NEW PRICE**



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**NEW PRICE**



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**HARDY CLOSE, BARRY**  
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**BLACKBERRY DRIVE, BARRY**  
 Spacious modern detached dwelling. WC cloakroom, living room, open plan kitchen/diner, sitting room (converted garage). Replacement 2011 ensuite and bathroom. Landscaped rear garden. Viewing highly recommended.  
**£224,950**

**NEW**



**PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY**  
 Extended traditional semi detached bay fronted bungalow. Three bedrooms, two reception rooms, sun lounge, level enclosed garden. Driveway to front.  
**£219,950**

**NEW**



**BLACKBERRY DRIVE, BARRY**  
 Showhome presented. Modern detached, four bedrooms, living/dining room, fitted kitchen, enclosed garden. Hot tub to remain. Paved driveway/garage.  
**£214,950**

**NEW**



**PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY**  
 Stunning views over Vale. Dorma detached bungalow. To the ground floor: living, dining room, bathroom and bedroom. To the first floor: two bedrooms, ensuite and dressing room. Garage/parking.  
**£329,950**

**NEW**



**MARQUIS CLOSE, BARRY**  
 End of link. Modern dwelling and living room, fitted kitchen. 2010 replacement bathroom. Sea views from rear. Parking to front and rear. Viewing highly recommended.  
**£139,950**

**NEW PRICE**



**MILTON ROAD, BARRY**  
 Stunning mid terraced. Two bedrooms, living room, kitchen/diner, enclosed rear garden. UPVC double glazing, gas central heating via combi. Option of off road parking, (subject to usual planning consent).  
**£99,950**

**NEW PRICE**



**MAES Y CWM STREET, BARRY**  
 Four bedrooms, dorma attic conversion, mid terraced traditional amidst shops. Through living room, spacious kitchen/diner. Enclosed rear garden. Permit parking to front.  
**£139,950**

**NEW**



**CONWAY DRIVE, BARRY**  
 Three bedrooms, semi detached, front, side and rear gardens. Living, dining and conservatory. Driveway/garage. Swimming pool, uPVC double glazing. Gas central heating.  
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**GRIFFIN CLOSE, BARRY**  
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**NEW PRICE**



**BROOK STREET, BARRY**  
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**PICTON ROAD, RHOOSE**  
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**£139,950**

**PORTHKERRY ROAD, BARRY**  
 Victorian mid terraced. Living room, dining room and sitting room. Five bedrooms, spacious kitchen, 1 1/2 bathroom. Original tiled floor in hallway.  
**£224,950**

**BRYN Y GLOYN, BARRY**  
 Well presented throughout. Four bedroomed, detached, modern. Views over conservation and sea. Living/dining, kitchen/breakfast. Utility. Garage/driveway. No chain.  
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**HEOL Y GAER, THE KNAP, BARRY**  
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**PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY**  
 Spacious family home. Semi detached, extended. Living room, kitchen/diner. Three double bedrooms. Garage converted to sitting room. Far reaching views over Vale. Driveway/parking.  
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**HEOL SIRHWI, BARRY**  
 Dorma detached bungalow. Well presented. Versatile living. Ground floor: wc cloak, living room, double bedroom, dining room, conservatory. Kitchen, utility. First floor: 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom.  
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**HEOL PILIPALA, RHOOSE POINT**  
 Modern detached, built approx 8 years ago. Four bedrooms. Persimmon constructed. Living room/dining, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast, utility room, wc cloakroom. Garage/driveway.  
**£204,950**

**NEW PRICE**



**CWM BARRY WAY, BARRY**  
 Three bedrooms. Bay fronted semi, constructed in approx 1940's. Through living/dining room. Original features throughout. Driveway/garage, level enclosed garden. Attic ideal for conversion (subject to planning consent). Replacement kitchen/bathroom.  
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 Three bedrooms, semi detached traditional. Living room with French doors, replacement kitchen/diner, integrated appliances. Driveway leading to garage. Enclosed rear garden. uPVC DG. GC Heating.  
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**GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY**  
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**HOLLYROOD CLOSE, BARRY**  
 Extended semi detached, corner position. Three bedrooms, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen. Garage/parking. Enclosed rear garden. Viewing highly recommended.  
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**RADNOR GREEN, BARRY**  
 Three bedroomed, living/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed front and rear garden. Gargae/parking. uPVC Double glazing and gas central heating.  
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H4U Reference 1039867  
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• Double glazing  
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• Communal entrance  
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## AWBERY HOUSE, BARRY



H4U Reference 201355  
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• Two-bedroom flat  
• Fifth floor (lift)  
• Central heating/double-glazing  
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## CAMPBELL COURT, BARRY



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• Gas central heating  
• Double glazing  
• Parking  
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H4U Reference 982652  
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## HAVANT CLOSE, RHOOSE



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• Double glazing  
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## MAES YR YSGOL, BARRY



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• Double-glazing  
• Parking  
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## MAGELLAN CLOSE, BARRY



H4U Reference 1085827  
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## MEIRION CLOSE, BARRY



H4U Reference 215954  
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• Central heating  
• Communal gardens  
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• Double-glazing  
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• Double glazing  
• Manager and alarm  
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Buttrills Road	130	Gold+	19/12/11
Castle Road	49	Gold	29/03/11
Chesterfield Street	87	Gold	06/07/11
Culver Close	96	Gold	14/12/11
ElsFisher Court	15	Gold+	21/11/11
Geraint Place	73	Gold	27/06/11
Matthew Terrace	63	Gold	23/11/11
Manorbier Court	42	Gold	26/07/11
Pendine Close	56	Gold	05/10/11
Phyllis Street	23	Silver+	16/01/12
Redlands Avenue	10	Gold	14/11/11
Station Road	56	Gold	19/09/11

## SPRINGFIELD RISE, BARRY



H4U Reference 224321  
Suit for a single person or couple over 55 - no pets  
• One-bedroom flat  
• First floor  
• Central heating  
• Double glazing  
• Community alarm  
• Communal gardens  
Rent £79.12 pw including service and water charges

## ST DAVIDS CRESCENT, PENARTH



H4U Reference 244711  
Suitable for a family  
• Two-bedroom house  
• Central heating  
• Double-glazing  
• Gardens  
Rent £95.05 pw including water and service charges

## TREHARNE ROAD, BARRY



H4U Reference 226276  
Suit for a single person, couple or small family - no pets  
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• First floor  
• Central heating  
• Double glazing  
• Communal gardens  
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## WAVERLEY COURT, BARRY



H4U Reference 1085616  
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### PEPPER Tessa

(formerly Jewell née Sheppard)

Following a five-year battle with cancer, died peacefully at Macclesfield District General Hospital on February 22, 2012.

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The family wish to thank the team of District Nurses and doctors at Highlight Park Medical Centre for the care shown to Edith. Also sincere thanks to all at Bella Vista care home. No flowers please, by request.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis at Park Funerals on 01446 421212.

### SILVESTER Raymond

Ray passed away very unexpectedly, but peacefully on February 21, 2012.

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Funeral Service at St Tydfil's Church, Llysorwney on Monday, 5th March 2012 at 2pm followed by interment at St John the Baptist Church Llanblethian.

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### CERIANI Gianfranco

Passed away peacefully at home on February 24th, surrounded by his loving family.

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## Good day for local students



**THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do recently attended the first of a series of six 2012 Welsh Masters Grand Prix tournaments.**

The tournament started with the pattern section, where Cody Jacobsen took the third in the beginner's category. Cian Allen took second and Demi Baker came third in the seven-and-under.

Lucy Newman took second and Thomas Haysham took third in the advanced category.

Ever-improving Cian Allen came away with second in the seven-and-under and a second in the advanced point sparring.

Not to be outdone by her older brother, young Madison Allen came away with a credible third in the girls continuous sparring.

Jenson Rees fought his way through his categories to take third in the points and first in the continuous sparring. Competing for the first time, Evan Baron, Joel Wells and Emily Halford all gave a good account of themselves, just missing out on a medal this time.

Cameron Williams took first in both the boys under-7 and intermediate point sparring. Ollie Tipples battled his

way through to third place in the continuous sparring.

Competing against a much bigger opponent, Thomas Haysham worked hard to come away with second place in the continuous sparring. Keeping her brother on his toes, Shannon Haysham took first and third in continuous sparring.

Competing in the same categories, Matthew Bennett and Bradley Halford both fought their way through to the finals where Matthew came away with first in the point and second in the continuous sparring, while Bradley took the first in continuous and third in the point sparring.

Morgan Gomez Jones fought well to take second in her point sparring and first in her continuous sections. Just missing out on a podium place this time were Keita Enfield and Dominic Todd. After a long day, last up was Jamie Halford, where he took first in the 17-24 years of age male point sparring category.

For further information and training times call 01446 406372 or 07910980039.

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**PICTURED: (From back) Jamie Halford, Keita Enfield, Morganne Gomez, Jones, Matthew Bennett, Dominic Todd, Emily Halford, Lucy Newman, Thomas Haysham, Bradley Halford, Cian Allen, Shannon Haysham, Cameron Williams, Joel Wells, Evan Baron, Cody Jacobsen, Madison Allen, Jenson Rees and Demi Baker.**

## Joe gets his Spurs!



**ABOVE: Joe Doughty is pictured receiving a signed Spurs certificate from Adam Fowler, from Spurs' recent trip to play Swansea City.**

Joe plays for Vale side Dinas Powys Wolves and is a mad Spurs fan - his favourite player is Cardiff-born Gareth Bale.

Since Joe has been with the team he has developed into very impressive young player who has a great future ahead of him.

Adam Fowler, coach with Dinas Wolves and the Vale squads, said: "Joe is a great example to all the lads with his willingness to learn and he has stood out this season as a very important team player"

Well done Joe from all at Dinas Powys FC.

## Barry skaters in English triumph



Carly Ewings

Amber Ivins

**TWO youngsters from Cardiff Roller Collective's Artistic Skating club achieved glory at the West Berkshire roller skating competition at Northcroft Leisure Centre in Newbury.**

Clubs attended from all over England; however, Amber Ivins and Carly Ewings, both from Barry, representing Cardiff, were the only entrants from Wales. Amber, aged 10, the youngest participant, came first winning the CCL Trophy, and Carly, aged 14, came second.

## Distance race comes to Jenner Park

**THE eyes of the world of ultra distance running will be fixed firmly on Jenner Park Stadium this coming Sunday (March 4) for the 26th running of the Barry 40 miles track race.**

The event, now in its 26th year, is held entirely on the athletics track and involves 161 circuits.

The race has a long and distinguished history, as three previous winners of the race have gone to win global titles at the 100 kilometre distance, and can also point to an impressive total of 59 world best performances in the 25 previous outings.

25 athletes will travel from all parts of the UK and 10 of the entries also qualify for the Welsh Championships which are incorporated within the event; five of the athletes are ladies.

These athletes are looking for a challenge beyond the standard marathon distance, and the distance will test both the physical and mental resolve of all.

It could be said that the athletes will also have 25 different reasons for running - some will be racing to win, some for a personal best time,

while others will be happy to finish.

Given the preparation involved, the race has a remarkably high survival rate, with 75% of all starters completing the 40 miles.

Ultra running tends to be the preserve of runners with many years of experience. That said, a relatively high percentage of this year's field are running the Barry 40 for the first time.

The youngest runner is 25, the oldest 55, and that's unusually young for this race. Multi world record holder, Geoff Oliver, now 78, who last year set two more world bests in the over-75 category, has sent his apologies for absence as he's on holiday in Kuwait!

Race predictions over so tough a distance are very hard to make. However, two of the front runners are likely to be Grant Jeans from Glasgow and Harry Johnston from Maidenhead in Buckinghamshire.

Grant Jeans, while only 28, is a runner with plenty of endurance experience. He placed an excellent fifth in last year's UK 100 championships in Perth in an impressive 7:11:53.

He also won the Deeside Way Ultra 33 miles, the River Ayr Way

44 miles and the Glasgow-Edinburgh double marathon. Scottish runners have had great success at Barry, with previous male winners Simon Pride (3 times), Alan Reid and Andy Farquarson.

Harry Johnston is even younger at 25; he placed 10th in the Perth event last year in 7:51:21 and is a past winner of the Thames Ultra 50 miles.

One particularly interesting entry is that of Matt Shone from Woodford Green. Originally from St Asaph, Matt is a former GB 800 and 1500 metre runner, and in 2005 ran a sub 4 minute mile at Crystal Palace - very unusual credentials for an ultra distance runner.

However, he did run 2:29:44 in the 2008 London Marathon so he will also be an athlete to watch.

The ladies race looks to lie between Jen Salter and Heather Foundling-Hawker.

Jen Salter is an athlete who has improved leaps and bounds in recent seasons. She has placed second and third lady in the last two editions of the Barry race.

In the Anglo-Celtic Plate 100 km in March 2011, effectively a Home

Counties international championship which is incorporated with the UK Championships, she helped Wales to their first ever win in the competition in an excellent 8:43:04 in her debut at the distance.

In June 2011 she achieved a Guinness World Record for running from one end of Ireland to the other, a distance of 345 miles in 4 days 23 hours and 3 minutes.

Heather Foundling-Hawker, from Honiton in Devon, has been a GB ultra international for 7 years.

She has an excellent marathon best of 2:51:14, set on the tough New Forest course, and perhaps her most impressive performance was at the 2006 World 100 km champs in Seoul, where she placed 9th in 7:50:54.

She sustained a broken ankle in 2007, and spent many months out of the sport. However, she has returned with a number of encouraging races in 2011, including third place in the UK Champs/Anglo Celtic Plate at Perth last March with 8:29:23.

Start time for the race is 10am and admission is free.

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# The new Chevy copes well with all driving conditions



ABOVE: The Chevrolet Aveo.

**L**ONG journeys have a knack of highlighting a car's strengths and weaknesses.

It was such a jaunt to the Excel centre in London that provided a good opportunity to put the attractive Chevrolet Aveo 1.3 diesel five-door hatchback through its paces.

Foolishly, I had relied on some internet directions, which I later realised, took me the long way round, making me late for a meeting.

The route took me through such glamorous locations as Wandsworth, Clapham and Kennington, which all suffered from ludicrously long tailbacks, resulting in the Aveo's engine stop/start reliably cutting in virtually every time the traffic halted.

That diesel engine can be a little vocal on occasions, especially when starting, while the five-speed box is a joy to use, smoothly changing through the gears.

That said, there are some occasions when public transport is simply easier and more convenient to use, and this is certainly the case when travelling to Excel.

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My return route was through the Dartford Tunnel, and the Aveo coped well with the higher speeds of the homeward journey.

The steering mounted cruise control proved very useful especially for keeping within speed limits. Some road noise could be heard within the cabin but this was no worse than in any of the competition.

In many respects, the little Aveo feels like a larger vehicle and while it is clearly not a sports car it is responsive and nippy and really good fun to drive when pushing it hard and throwing it round corners.

Luxuries include air conditioning and electric front windows while the digital speedometer reminds me of Kitt, Knight Rider's famous 1982 Trans-Am car. The only criticism is that the handbrake is too close to the driver for comfort, in a similar way to some Protons, but I dare say you get used to it.

The quality of the fabrics and overall comfort is good and I like the futuristic curved dash. There's a reasonable driving position, too,

although the massive amount of headroom does take a little getting used to but good for those over six foot.

Externally, Chevy's owner, GM, has borrowed some design cues from others, which work well, such as making this five-door look like a three by concealing the rear door handles. I also particularly like the striking lights at the front, which help give this small Yank a purposeful look.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "It drives well and is refined for a car of its size. Despite being a small car it feels comfortable on the motorway and soaks up the bumps without issue."

"Inside, features have been carried over from other models in the range such as the Cruze and Orlando. It feels well built with plenty of neat touches and there's lots of room, even for taller drivers."

All-in-all, the Aveo is an accomplished little vehicle.

**Model tested:** Chevrolet Aveo 1.3 (95bhp) LTZ 5d; **Economy:** 68mpg; **0-60mph:** 12.2secs; **Top speed:** 108mph; **Power:** 93bhp; **New price range:** £9,995-£13,615.

## Cottrell Park team in running for award



ABOVE: Cottrell Park ladies first team.

THE ladies first team at Cottrell Park has been nominated for the Vale of Glamorgan Sports Personality Awards, in the 'Team of the Year' category.

The awards ceremony will take place at The Memorial Hall in Barry on Friday, April 27, with the doors opening at 7pm.

The event will be hosted by television presenter, Arfon Haines Davies.

There will be eight categories awarded during the evening.

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A club spokeswoman said: "All the management and staff at Cottrell Park wish the ladies' first team the best of luck."

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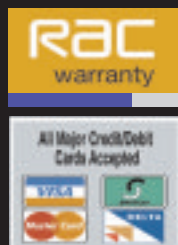
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## TRIPLE CROWN WALES LAY GHOST OF 'TWICKERS PAST'

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**F**OR more than two decades, Welsh teams and their ever-loyal army of supporters taking the long and winding road that leads from the Taff to the Thames for the biennial visit to fortress Twickenham, have journeyed more in nervous hope than realistic expectation.

More often than not, the outcome was the same – defeat – sometimes narrow, sometimes not, with the occasional horror show thrown in for good measure. (Who can ever forget that humiliating August day on the eve of Rugby World Cup 2007, when a mix 'n' match Welsh team was crushed 62-5, to the taunts of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' reverberating around the vast stadium?)

Mind you, it was not

always thus; though one would have to travel a little further back, to the last golden age of Welsh rugby, for a time when 'HQ' held no fears for the 1970s team of Gareth, Gerald, Barry, JPR (who particularly revelled in taking on the men in white!) Merve, et al.

How many times – with rare exceptions – since then, have Welsh teams lacking that inbuilt self-confidence, taken to the field as underdogs – and played like it – mentally beaten from the outset by the so-called 'Twickenham factor'?

In that gloomy climate of defeatism, invariably the question for even the most die-hard fans was not whether Wales would win, but by how much they would lose.

That was certainly not the anticipated scenario on Saturday, with Wales for once in the unaccustomed role of bookies' favourites to win the Triple Crown decider between these two arch

rivals – on the back of sharply-contrasting displays in last year's Rugby World Cup and also the opening four fixtures in this year's Six Nations.

This time, it was Wales, so impressive against Ireland and Scotland, who presented the more powerful physical threat; while reconstructed England, who had scrambled to unconventional wins over Scotland and Italy, were the team in transition following their recent turmoil.

Even so, some doubted if Wales, so used to the underdog label, could handle the mental pressure as title favourites – but to his credit, skipper Sam Warburton angrily dismissed this inverted defeatism, vowing that his team would "embrace it" in the 123rd meeting between the two nations.

His stance was vindicated by the record books, which showed just how evenly matched they are; for surprisingly, despite years of English dominance, Wales had still notched a total of 54 wins (including the 2008 Grand Slam stunner at Twickenham) to England's 56, with 12 games drawn.

Thus the stage was set for another nail-chewer at 4pm on Saturday, with Warren Gatland's team out to answer all the questions – and lay a few Twickenham ghosts to rest – while further proving that this is not another false dawn and the long-awaited Welsh renaissance really is here to stay.

And what a cracker it turned out to be – not a rugby classic by any means – but pulsating with drama and excitement from first minute to last; with Wales finally emerging triumphant to claim the country's 20th Triple Crown – though only after a battle royal whose outcome was in doubt right up to the final whistle.

Full marks to the unfamiliar-looking England team, who recovered from a very nervy opening spell to repel intense Welsh pressure that saw wing George North

almost power through for a try less than two minutes from the kick-off – and then Leigh Halfpenny miss with a penalty attempt.

In fact, it was the home team that went ahead through the first of their four penalties by debutant outside half Owen Farrell, who outplayed his opposite number, the usually impeccable Rhys Priestland. (The latter seemed flustered and out-of-sorts and his clumsy yellow card early in the second half could well have cost his team dear in a game so finely balanced.)

Leigh Halfpenny brought Wales level with a well-struck penalty and his fit-for-tat kicking duel with Farrell continued with another penalty apiece, before the latter had the last word just before the interval, after a strangely ill-at-ease Wales conceded yet another penalty, to trail 6-9 as play resumed.

Within minutes, came Priestland's sending off and Farrell slotted over the easy penalty in front of the posts for a 12-6 lead.

Not for the first time recently, indiscipline had reduced Wales to 14 men and with their main playmaker in the 'sin bin', the situation now looked

ominous indeed, as a much-improved England side were encouraged to lay siege to the Welsh defence.

However, they would not add further to their score.

As noted in this column previously, this new generation of young Welsh players is made of sterner stuff and not only held out, but in fact exerted pressure of their own, to reduce arrears with a third penalty by Halfpenny.

With Priestland back on the field, joined by Ryan Jones, who replaced Alun Wyn Jones, the enthralling tussle resumed on equal terms and when Halfpenny levelled the scores at 12-12 with a fourth penalty, the game was set fair for a grandstand finish – with just 10 minutes remaining on the clock.

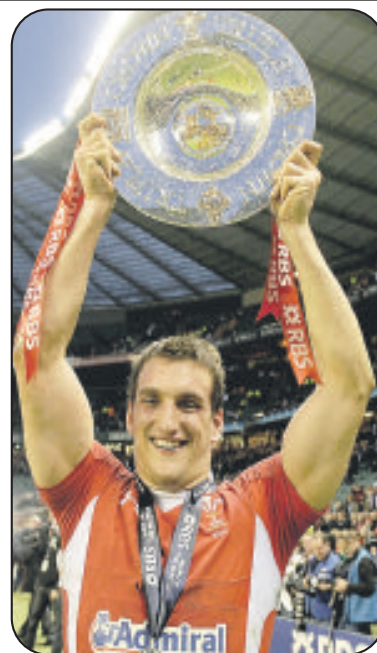
It would need a moment of individual brilliance to break the stalemate – which came in the shape of young Scarlet centre Scott Williams, who had replaced the injured Jamie Roberts at half time.

With less than five minutes to go to full time, he wrenched the ball from England's Courtney Lawes, followed up his kick ahead, scooped up the ball, and dived over for a match-winning try near the posts, which Halfpenny converted, to put Wales in the lead for the first time at 19-12.

Amazingly, the drama was not yet over, for with the referee now looking at his watch, England launched a last desperate attack, but a claimed touchdown in the corner was disallowed and the whistle sounded to start Triple Crown celebrations for the Welsh faithful.

A hard-fought win, yes, but this resolute young Welsh squad have surely now laid those old Twickenham demons to rest.

More importantly, despite not hitting the glittering heights of their World Cup displays, the gutsy manner of their victory once again demonstrated the giant strides, both physical and mental, they have taken under Gatland's stewardship.



Captain Sam Warburton proudly lifts the Triple Crown.  
Picture by Huw Evans Agency

Now the squad are two tantalising games away from matching the achievements of their illustrious 70s predecessors – with a third Grand Slam in the space of seven years or so.

First there is battle-scarred Italy at home next week and while a win cannot, of course,

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